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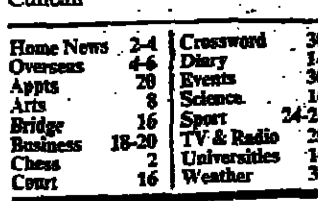
A strong earthquke shook Naples violently and sent light shock waves throughout Central Italy yesterday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

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Liverpool made almost certain of the *League championship* by beating Coventry City 5-0. Rush scored four goals to break a Roger Hunt record **Page 25**



Miners threaten Ravenscraig's iron ore supplies

By Barrie Clement and Ronald Faux

Militant miners yesterday threatened to starve the beleaguered Ravenscraig steel-*works of iron ore after* convoys of coal lorries evaded 1,000 pickets by using a rear entrance.

After a day of violence in which 31 pitmen were arrested, leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers are to approach the train drivers' union, Aslef, urging it to extend sympathy action.

Meanwhile, in a May Day rally at Mansfield, Mr Arthur Scagill, union president, called on the rail unions to extend their *proposed action over pay* into an all-out stoppage in alliance with the miners.

At Ravenscraig, however, the fragility of the labour movement's solidarity was exposed as the heaviest picketing yet failed to stop lorry drivers taking "blacked" coal into the works.

About 1,000 demonstrators faced a similar number of police. Scuffles broke out and stones, bricks and bottles were thrown as pickets tried to surge through.

One policeman suffered a *suspected broken collar bone* and several pickets were led away bleeding.

But while miners were confronting the police outside the main gate, 29 lorries, carrying coal from the Hunterston terminal in Ayrshire, were passing through the poorly-guarded rear entrance.

Later a second convoy of 29 lorries swept past a dozen forlorn pickets.

Now pitmen's leaders are *calling* for an even bigger picket today, requesting reinforcement from colleagues in the north of England.

Earlier, there were 23 arrests at Hunterston as pickets tried to prevent the convoy from leaving.

Ravenscraig has become the focal point of the miners' action since the split in the so-called triple alliance of rail, steel and coal unions over how much coal the plant requires to prevent permanent damage to coke ovens. The steelmen say it needs two trainloads, the miners say one.

After clashes outside the plant, Mr Mick McGahey, Scottish president of NUM, left for talks with Aslef saying: "We are pleased at the show of strength, but there will be more to come.

"We are going to increase picketing and we will be calling for assistance from Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire."

But if they are to be successful the strikers will have *to persuade 34,000 miners in* Nottinghamshire to join the stoppage, now in its ninth week.

Mr Scargill's speech in Mansfield was his fourth attempt in two weeks to recruit the support of the county's miners, most of whom continue to work.

The organizers of yesterday's march and rally originally *estimated* 10,000 *striking* miners would take part, but police put the number at 2,000.

Mr Scargill, in a speech at the Mansfield Leisure Centre, said: "I know that the NUR and Aslef are not only pressing for a wage increase, they are also fighting against the threat of redundacies.

"I would appeal to both the NUR and Aslef that if ever there was a time to join with this union, not merely in an expression of solidarity, but to come out on strike in support of their own claim and join it with ours – now is the time."

In South Wales, miners' leaders are due to meet representatives of cokemen today to ensure emergency supplies for Llanwern steelworks.

Mr Emlyn Williams, president of the South Wales area, is confident he can persuade his members to change their minds and allow coke deliveries to the plant. That will ensure furnace linings do not crack

The pit strike received the full backing yesterday of Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour Party's deputy leader, but he *added that to win they must get* public support.

Mr Hattersley told 600 pitmen at Seaham, *Durham*, that he had been advised that arguing the miners' case had damaged the labour movement. But he and other party leaders would continue to voice support because the case was just.

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The Pope meeting a colourful tribesman at Port Moresby.

Three die and four missing at sea

Three people died and four fishermen were feared dead in three separate incidents off the east and Cornish coast yesterday.

The fishermen, including a father and son, were missing after a boating accident off the *east coast. A teenager* was swept out to sea at Scarborough and off the Cornish coast, two brothers drowned *in a fishing* tragedy. Bad sea conditions hampered both rescue attempts by lifeboat services off the east coast.

The fishermen were hauling in crab pots in their 33ft boat, Carol Sandra, half a mile off Flamborough Head when it capsized. Two holidaymakers noticed the smell of diesel, looked over the clifftop and saw the vessel floundering.

Lifeboats and fishing vessels from Bridlington, Filey and Flamborough, and a helicopter from RAF Leconfield spent yesterday searching the area. Wreckage from the cockpit and a number of buoys were recovered. There were four men aboard, and their names are being withheld until their families have been told.

Five men fell overboard while taking part in the search, but were rescued by helicopter

Lifeboats and a helicopter from the same rescue services *recovered* the body of a teenage boy, who was believed to have been swept out to sea after *climbing the Scarborough* sea wall. A lifeboat spokesman said the body was found by the *inshore lifeboat near the pier*, 300 yards from where he disappeared. Last night, the boy, aged 16 to 18, had not been identified.

Two brothers drowned on a fishing expedition at Porthalow on the Lizard peninsula yesterday. Mr Tomothy Rabey, aged 23, fell into the sea after apparently striking his head while trying to retrieve his rod.

A police spokesman said that his brother, David, aged 20, raised the alarm, dashed to tell another man nearby, and while he rang 999, David went into the sea to try to rescue his brother.

The body of Timothy, who lived *in Trelowth Road, Pool*, Cambourne, Cornwall, was recovered by helicopter, and the search for that of David, who lived with his parents in Mill Lane, Helston, Cornwall, was not resumed.

The Carol Sandra left Bridlington at 5am. Walkers on the cliff at Flanborough Head spotted the upturned hull at lunchtime.

The Coastguard spokesman said: "Pieces of wreckage have been *found close to Flamborough* Head. It looks as if the Carol Sandra bashed against the bottom of *the cliffs* and disintegrated.

The Flamborough lifeboat had to be towed back to Bridlington after developing engine trouble. Winds in the area were gusting at 20 to 25 knots

Later date urged for May Day

The English Tourist Board said yesterday that the May *Day holiday should* be moved to June or September because too many Bank holidays fall together.

A spokesman for the board said that the closeness of Easter and the May and spring Bank holidays were affecting the tourist trade.

He said there was no special reason why the May holiday *should be in May*. "It was brought in as a labour or workers' day, by the Labour Party, when they were last in office.

"But it is celebrated on different dates all over the world. The American Labour Day is on the first Monday in September. It seems to be only the eastern block which sticks rigidly to May 1."

A May Day in, say, mid-June or September would spread out holidays, and *would* also combine with school holidays, he said.

Next year Easter Sunday in on April 7, May Day is on May 6, and the spring bank holiday on May 27.

Meanwhile yesterday's biting winds meant that many Britons spent this Bank holiday at home. Beaches and *promenades* were *almost* deserted and high winds of up to force eight were recorded at *Newhaven, Shoreham and* Fairlight coastguard stations on the Sussex coast.

***According to the RAC traffic* to the south coast resorts of Brighton, Eastbourne, Worthing and Hastings was no heavier than mormal weekend.**

The International Garden Festival at Liverpool was crowded on both Sunday and Monday, and there are early signs that financial targets will easily be beaten. The Castle Howard stately home in Yorkshire was very busy, witha three-mile traffic queue. in Wales the Welsh mountain zoo at Colwyn Bay took record receipts.

Pope speaks Pidgin to greet Papuans

From Jim Oran, Port Moresby

In the steamy heat of a Port Moresby twilight, the Pope delighted a welcoming crowd of 10,000 on his arrival from South Korea yesterday when he spoke in three languages known throughout Papua New Guinea.

In Pidgin he said: "My brothers and sisters, beloved people of Papua New Guinea, I love you. I am happy to be with you in your own country. Today is a day of great joy for me."

In Motu, *the language of the* Port Moresby area, he said: "From ancient times your *ancestors have inhabited* this land and loved its beauty, and I am happy to be here with you *today ... I come as your friend*, I come as your brother."

And in English, he said: "As you know, this is not the first time that I have set foot on your land. Over 10 years ago, when I was still Archbishop of Krakow, I already had the pleasure of being in your midst.

"I still remember well the beauty of the landscape and the warmth of your hospitality. I recall, too, the rich diversity of your citizens, how you are *composed* of *many different* tribes, each with its own history and traditions."

The crowd bellowed its approval. The Kandu drums did the same, echoing round the hills surrounding Jackson's airport.

The Pope had the people in is his hands from the moment he stepped out of his Alitalia DC10

He raised his hands to bless the crowd while the guns booned and the drums throbbed.

At the foot of the steps he prostrated himself and kissed the soil of Papua New Guinea, or rather the warm tarmac as smoke from the artillery salute swirled around him.

A long line of officials were met, ncluding the Prime Minster Mr Michael Somare; the Governor General, Sir *Kingsford* Dibela. Various members of the Catholic Church and an anxious clutch *of politicians*.

He walked over to the crowd, shaking people's hands, patting others on the head, some of whom dropped to their knees.

Three *leis* of flowers were hung around *his* neck by children dressed in traditional costumes of feathers and paint and leaves.

But the ceremonial welcome was marred by ugly scenes when Italian photgraphers fought with police as the Pope walked along the edge of the crowd. They fought even harder when he paused in front of bare breasted women from Hanuababa, a village built on stilts over the water on the outskirts of *Port Moresby*.

The womens faces were painted red and yellow, around their bodies dangled pig tusks, shells and dogs' teeth, and on their heads they wore the treasured feathers of the Bird of Paradise.

Foot tells of 'resign' demands

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Michael Foot seriously considered resigning as Labour leader before last June's general election in which Labour suffered one of its worst defeats.

In his keenly awaited book about the general election, to be published next month, Mr Foot is expected to describe the pressures on him from party colleagues and trade union leaders to step down because of his apparent unpopularity with the voters, and his reasons for resisting those pressures.

In his analysis of the poll defeat, Mr *Foot, who* was succeeded by Mr Neil Kinnock last September, concedes that at no time after *Mrs Margaret* Thatcher caled the election did Labour have a realistic chance of winning. Its main hope was that it would narrow the huge gap with the Tories and was shocked by its failure to do so.

In his book, *Another Heart and Other Pulses*, Mr Foot will lay a share of the blame on his predecessor, Mr James *Callaghan, for contributing* to the size of Labour's defeat.

He regarded Mr Callaghan's rejection, in a speech in Cardiff on May 25, of Labour's non-nuclear defence policy as enshrined in its manifesto as the most damaging episode of the campaign for Labour.

He still regards Mr Callaghan's failure to take an equally strong line over the Government's handling of arms control talks with the Soviet Union.

Although many Labour MPs and Shadow Cabinet members apparently wanted Mr Foot to stand down, particularly at the time of its devastating reverse in the Bermondsey by-election, it is clear that few told him so to his face.

A report that one who did was Mr Jeffery Rooker, Labour MP for Birmingham, Perry Barr and a *front*-bench spokesman on Treasury affairs, was confirmed yesterday by *The Times*. Mr Rooker's *suggestion* was made at a meeting between two men in late 1982.

The book will apparently confirm that during the 1983 campaign Mr Gerald Kaufman also suggested that Mr Foot should stand down.

Alliance focuses on Thatcher style

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Liberal/Social Democratic Party Alliance, yesterday *made Mrs Margaret Thatcher's* personal style of government and the damage that the *Alliance alleges it* has caused to Britain's interests in the European Community a central issue in the campaign for the elections to the European Parliament on June 14.

In so doing its leaders made clear that they are launching a fresh attempt to woo disaffected moderate Conservative voters to the Alliance.

The election strategy of the Alliance, buoyant after its performance in local elections *and parliamentary by-elections* last week, was outlined by Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen *at a briefing for its* European candidates in London. Dr Owen said that the country was tired of Mrs Thatcher being "the nation's nanny," and accused her of being a bad bargainer for Britain.

Mr Steel, who is in charge of the Alliance's European campaign, said there was a constituency of former Conservative voters "who are starting to rebel against the style and content of this Government".

Dr Owen remarked: "There has been too much naked nationalism in British politics in recent years, fuelled by the style of the present Government".

He spoke of the feeling that Mrs Thatcher was the only one *who never* makes an error. "That is the reason why the other countries in the community might find it difficult to deal with her. She is always *right and they are always* wrong."

In European negotiations there had to be give-and-take, Dr Owen said.

Mr Steel told the candidates: "We are faced with a short-sighted government which *seems incapable of rising above* its narrow and nationalistic preoccupations with the budgetary balance."

Dr Owen and Mr Steel: Wooing the disaffected.

Both leaders said that the Alliance's vote last week was far higher than the opinion polls had been suggesting.

Dr Owen said that the miners' dispute might well proceed throughout the European campaign. Candidates would not lose votes by being quite open with the electors, particularly in mining constituencies. There was a great future for the mining industry, but it was not to be achieved by following the route laid down by Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president.

El Salvador victory for Duarte

Señor Napoleón Duarte has won El Salvador's presidential election by a smaller margin than expected.

With 70 per cent of the vote counted, he leads with 55 per cent to the 45 per cent of his right-wing rival, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson. Although the result is not official, it is beyond doubt.

Major D'Aubuisson has pledged to accept it, withdrawing charges of vote-rigging, which may persuade his more extreme supporters against taking bloody retribution.

In the other Latin American *presidential* polls, Señor *León* Febres Cordero, the conservative millionaire, has claimed victory in Ecuador and both candidates in Panama, where counting continues, believe they have won.

Señor Febres Cordero beat the favourite Social Democrat, Señor Rodrigo Borja, and pledged to rescue the oil-rich nation from a severe economic slump. **Full story, page 6**

Shia leader offered wider powers

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

President Gemayel yesterday expanded the ministerial portfolio offered to Mr Nabih Berri in an effort to lure the Shia Muslim leader into his "national unity" Government.

An official at the west Beirut home of the Shia leader said he has accepted the offer but there was no immediate official announcement by Mr Berri.

As word of the new assign*ment began circulating* in Beirut, Shia Muslim fighters in the southern districts of Bourj *el-Barrajneh* and Moseitbeh ran into the streets carrying posters of Mr Berri and firing their automatic rifles in the air in his honour.

However, at about the same time, fighting along the "green line" that divides the city into Muslim and Christian halves flared up after a relatively calm 24-hour period. Police said one Lebanese soldier was killed and at least 13 people were injured by sniper and shell fire in the initial exchanges.

Under Mr Gemayel's latest offer, Mr Berri would be given *the State Ministry for South* Lebanon and for reconstruction in addition to the previously announced Ministry of Justice, Water and Electricity.

The palace announcement came aftera week of negotiations by the President and Mr Rashid Karami, the newly apppointed Prime Minister, aimed at getting Mr Berri to *join the Cabinet*.

The expansion of Mr Berri's Cabinet rolé was expected to clear the way for the participation in the new Government *of* Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druse leader

Ayatollah's dress order upsets London bank girls



By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

British women working in Iran's biggest bank in London have been enraged by an attempt to force them to conform to Ayatollah Khomeini's fundamentalist tastes in female clothing.

Women employed at the Bank Melli Iran in the City have been told that if by today they do not adopt the "modest attire" commensurate with the *principles of Islam*, they will be sent home.

Most of the 50 female staff are British and "quite irate" at the bank's order, said Mr John Townsend, negotiating officer for the Banking Insurance and Finance Union yesterday.

A manager has told the women to cover their heads and arms and to wear "minimal make-up". A memo to the effect has been promised, but not yet delivered and it is felt that today's deadline may be extended to allow these new *strictures to* "sink in".

But the bank, like four others in London, is state-controlled and the union believes that the Mullahs in Tehran are determined to impose their ideas of decency on their Western employees.

"Quite obviously the women are going to ignore the new rules," said Mr Townsend, although his optimism is tempered by the fact that a small number of British girls employed by a Kensington branch of the bank have reluctantly acceded to a similar demand.

Mr Townsend warned the bank yesterday that if they sent his members home there would immediately be a strike ballot *among the remaining men* which he was confident would favour a stoppage.

"We would enlist the support of union members throughout London and mount a picket line outside the bank," said Mr Townsend. "Our advice to the members is to refuse of comply with the request and I suspect most of them will."

He said some trade unionists at the bank regarded a number of senior managers as "head bangers". They had threatened to withdraw the bank from London if there was any trouble

Many of the women employees has taken solicitors' advice and have been told they have a very good case for unfair dismissal if they were perma*nently banned from entering the* building, said Mr Townsend.

The union says that there are *numerous banks in London* owned by Muslim countries by this was the first incident of its kind.

"At the moment we are trying to keep the whole affair low-key and hope there can be an amicable settlement," said Mr Townsend

Paisley threatens all-out resistance to block joint London-Dublin rule

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Rev Ian Paisley yesterday threatened strong resistance by Unionists to stop any plan for joint authority between London and Dublin over particular areas of Northern Ireland life.

He gave a warning to the Government that "Loyalists" would confront Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland "head-on".

The Democratic Unionist Party leader said that what had so far been seen in Ulster was a picnic compared with what would happen if the Government went down the road to Dublin.

He said: "I am talking about all-out resistance." Asked whether he meant violence, Mr Paisley replied: "It could come to that. Let's be very clear about it."

Mr Paisley's response to joint authority, which would not necessarily affect Britain's sovereignty over Northern Ireland, is exactly what moderate Unionists feared.

It has given him an issue for his EEC election campaign and could force others to take an equally hardline attitude to the future of Northern Ireland, just when there appears to be a new mood within the Official Unionist Party.

Recently, Mr Paisley's activities have not been successful.

His call for loyalists to display Union flags on the morning that the New Ireland Forum reported was met with apathy, and his night trip to Dublin, where he stuck an "Ulster is British" poster on the GPO, scene of the Easter rising, was dismissed as a stunt.

The official Unionist Party leadership will be watching for a groundswell of opinion among loyalists which could force them into a tougher stance to match Mr Paisley's belligerence.

They had argued against people using inflammatory language but could find it difficult to hold that line if Mr Paisley begins suggesting plots and a sell-out.

Mr Paisley dismissed joint authority as a "smoke screen" to destroy British sovereignty in Northern Ireland.

It would mean Ulster "being practically ruled and governed by Dublin on vital affairs that affect our everyday life and also on the constitutional issue".

Mr Paisley said that if Mr Prior was telling the Unionist people to accept that, they should "put the gauntlet down and say, 'All right, Mr Prior, we are taking you on, head-on'."

● The trial of 41 people, accused on the word of a Provisional IRA "supergrass", Raymond Gilmour, starts in Belfast Crown Court today.

Thirty-eight men and three women will face a total of 190 charges, including conspiracy to murder members of the security forces, possessing firearms and membership of the Provisional IRA. The trial is expected to last almost a year.

● Two Londonderry youths, John McDevitt, aged 19, and Christopher Kyle, aged 17, were remanded in custody for a week by Londonderry magistrates yesterday, accused of murdering Private Neil Clarke in a petrol bomb and gun attack on Easter Monday. They deny the charge.

High Court may decide on Derry name change

The High Court may have to decide the legality of the name of Northern Ireland's second city in a dispute reflecting the separate identities and loyalties in Ulster.

The threat of legal action was made yesterday when the council in Londonderry, controlled by the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), officially became known as Derry City Council.

The chairman of the nationalist Irish Independence Party, Mr Fergus McAteer, said that the party had taken legal advice which showed that by altering the name of the city and district councils the Government had effectively changed the name of the city. Counsel had looked at the Royal Charter and there was no need to petition the Queen to alter the name.

The two parties are divided on when they should seek to have the name altered. While Mr McAteer wants it dealt with quickly the SDLP is prepared to leave it "for another day".

Nine Unionist councillors have opposed the name change by boycotting the council. The police had to remove protesting "loyalist" councillors who had locked themselves in the Guildhall. But attempts to mobilize Unionist opinion across Northern Ireland against the decision have failed.



Clouds on the horizon for Mr Arthur Scargill, addressing a May Day rally in Mansfield yesterday. Another coal convoy making the journey from Hunterston, Strathclyde, to beat miners' pickets at the Ravenscraig steel works.

Big protest planned over visit by Botha

By Our Political Staff

Apartheid opponents yesterday promised a big demonstration against the visit to London next month of Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement, which is to hold discussions with the police today on arrangements for the protest, said there would be a big demonstration whether talks between Mr Botha and the Prime Minister took place at Downing Street or Chequers.

Mr Michael Terry, secretary of the movement, said that calls offering support for a protest had come from all over Britain.

Mr Robert Hughes, the movement's chairman, yesterday wrote to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, calling for a government investigation into alleged abuses of diplomatic immunity by staff at the South African embassy.

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Taxis to offer video service

Colour videos will be shown in the back of taxis in Birmingham and Manchester this summer and in London within two years, Transport Media, a Darlington-based company said yesterday.

The 30-minute videos, on a continuous tape but controllable by passengers will be shown on a screen behind the driver. The programmes will include tourist and business information.

Animal rights protesters held

Twelve animal rights protesters were arrested last night at Southampton University campus.

Hampshire police said doors and windows had been smashed inside the university building. Guinea pigs, rabbits and rats are kept at the university, although the protesters did not reach them.

Belfast run

More than 3,000 people ran in Belfast's third marathon yesterday cheered by crowds lining the route which included the Falls Road and Sandy Row. It was won by Andrew Daly, from Glasgow.

Ford leads investment league

By Our Labour Correspondent

Ford which was on the brink of a national strike over the lack of capital spending, came out with an "exceptional high" rate of investment in a survey by the left-wing funded Labour Research Department.

The results released today, show the company invested £5,727 per worker last year, compared with £2,133 by BL and £737 by Vauxhall.

Dunlop, Courtaulds, Lucas and Rolls-Royce invested less than £1,000 a head. Vickers was down from £1,001 in 1981 to £581; IMI down from £1,306 to £918 and Lucas Industries, from £797 to £549.

Capital spending: the top 20, 1982-83

	£ per worker	Total £m
Ford Motor Co	5727	328.0
Bowater Corp	3637	117.1
Brit Elec Traction	3140	157.0
BAT Ind	3107	553.0
Assoc Brit Foods	2879	195.3
Cad Schweppes	2745	104.5
Whitbread	2745	101.5
Distillers Co	2734	49.7
ICL	2561	61.5
Unigate	2385	83.7
ICI	2359	292.0
BL	2133	229.9
Pilkington Bro	1705	67.0
Unilever	1699	480.7
Bass	1603	116.2
Allied-Lyons	1584	117.5
Gallaher	1507	40.9
Grand Met	1502	193.3
Philips Electronic & Assoc Ind	1482	36.6
Utd Biscuits	1478	59.1

Multiple test-tube births may be cut

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Research which could lead to the avoidance of multiple births of test-tube babies such as the quadruplets born last week is being carried out by the *in vitro* fertilization unit at the Cromwell Hospital in London.

The babies, three boys and a girl, were born after surgeons transferred six embryos to the womb of Mrs Janice Smale, at the Hammersmith Hospital, west London. The hospital has been criticized by Mr Patrick Steptoe and Dr Robert Edwards the test-tube babies pioneers of Bourn Hall, Cambridgeshire, who believe that no more than three embryos should be transferred in any operation.

Professor Ian Craft, head of the team at the Cromwell Hospital, said yesterday that he believes women who have given birth already may be more likely to become pregnant and to have multiple pregnancies if multiple embryos are transferred. Mrs Smale, aged 31, has three other children and was sterilized 10 years ago.

Professor Craft who has supervised the birth of 23 test-tube babies including Britain's first test-tube twins said that four of his patients who had triplet pregnancies had previously had a child and one had had a pregnancy in a fallopian tube. The other gave birth to triplets in January.

"When we have adequate clinical experience we may consider that some groups of women will require fewer embryos," he said. "But until we have that experience I don't think it is sensible to restrict the number of embryos to just two or three.

"We are not trying to achieve multiple pregnancies for any woman, we are simply trying to help the patient have a child. If she has been previously pregnant and had a child we have some evidence that she is more likely to become pregnant by *invitro* fertilization and more likely to have a multiple pregnancy."

The chances of a multiple pregnancy have been calculated at about 10 per cent by the Cromwell unit.

By restricting the embryos to two or three from however many were available for transfer the incidence of pregnancy would also be limited, he said. "It is not correct for the public or doctors to assume that all embryos transferred into the womb have the same ability to implant. Hence the prospect of a multiple pregnancy is unpredictable on a given occasion."

● Sir Gerard Vaughan, a former health minister, believes that Mr Robert Winston, the gynaecologist in charge of Mrs Smale, has "a lot to answer for" (The Press Association reports).

On the choice of Mrs Smale for treatment, Sir Gerard said on BBC's *Breakfast Time*: "I do not know many other people who would certainly have been more suitable."

Tories rebel again on abolition

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Francis Pym and Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Conservative Cabinet ministers, will lead a fresh assault tomorrow and Thursday on government legislation paving the way for the abolition of the Greater London Council and metropolitan county councils.

They have tabled amendments which would wreck the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill's intention to suspend next year's elections to the authorities.

Although there is little chance of the Government losing any division on the amendments, opposition from such senior figures is bound to embarrass ministers after last week's local election results.

Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, was also among the Conservative rebels when the Bill received a second reading last month.

Union left claims poll lead

Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

After one week of voting in the increasingly acrimonious election for the leadership of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr Ron Todd, who is backed by the left-wing, claimed yesterday that he has "built up a commanding lead and will win".

However, the supporters of Mr George Wright, the other leading candidate, said the statements were without substance and that it was impossible to tell at such an early stage. Votes are not due to be counted until June.

Mr Todd's supporters claim that he has swept the board in the car industry and has established a clear lead in the engineering sectors with backing from workers at EMI and BICC.

Mr Todd also claims the support of Walls, Beechams, Lyons Maid and Lyons Tetley in food, ICI and Courtaulds in chemicals, and British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce in the aircraft industry where he has secured 70 per cent of the votes.

He also claims he will take 75 per cent of the poll among bus workers and those at airports and ports and among lorry drivers.

Mr Todd also claimed that the union's newest sections, the dyers and bleachers and the agricultural workers, have thrown their full weight behind him.

Mr Wright's supporters believe the Todd camp is trying to create a bandwagon for his candidacy by publicizing these claims.

Archbishop's plea on Liverpool deadlock

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock made a plea yesterday for a new effort to break the deadlock in the dispute over the city's budget.

He urged the Government and the council to negotiate over the issue.

The council's Labour group, whose majority was increased in last week's local elections, wants to pass a budget overshooting government guidelines and impose a 9 per cent rate rise which is far less than is needed to pay for the programme.

The archbishop in his sermon to a Worker's Day Mass in the city's Metropolitan Cathedral, said: "The majority party on the council says that it can produce no other budget.

"The Department [of the Environment] appears to argue that until there is a legal budget, no other form of aid to the city can be contemplated. Yet if all are agreed that things need to be done here, especially with regard to housing and urban regeneration, is it really out of the question that discussion and even negotiation should take place?"

He said that in the light of assurances given or understandings gained, some movement might be achieved to lift the threatened blight of bankruptcy from the city.

"The path of reconciler is never easy. Even when he is able to point the prophetic way, in a matter of this kind, there has still to be the political will to break the deadlock. We must pray for evidence of this".

Chandler's chess coup for Britain

By Harry Golombek

Yesterday proved a fine day for British chess in the Phillips & Drew GLC Tournament at County Hall, London. Chandler won with a massive attack against the Soviet grandmaster, Vaganian, and Speelman won with a mating attack against another Soviet grandmaster, Polugaievsky.

Nunn scored his first win against the United States grandmaster, Seirawan.

Round 10: Timman adj against Miles, Caro Kann def, 42 moves; Nunn 1 Seirawan 0, Caro Kann def, 39; Andersson adj against Korchnoi, Queen's gambit accepted, 40; Karpov adj against Mestel, French def, 41; Polugaievsky 0 Speelman 1, QP Queen's Ind def, 32; Chandler 1 Vaganian 0, Alekhine's def, 36; Ribli ½ Torre ½, QGD Slav def, 21. Adjourned games, round 7: Korchnoi ½ Torre ½. Round 9: Vaganian ½ Andersson ½; Seirawan ½ Karpov ½.



Special visitor: Babette Blaedel inspecting one of six Nile crocodiles specially bred in Zimbabwe and imported for the Great Zimbabwe exhibition which opens tomorrow at the Commonwealth Institute in London. Special permission was given for the duration of the exhibition to allow the importation of the crocodiles.

The crocodiles are thought to have played a part in symbolic rituals of the gold-rich kingdom between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries.

The crocodiles are an endangered species and Zimbabwe is the only country to breed them in captivity. During the exhibition the crocodiles will swim in a specially constructed pool. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

DPP to get Deptford fire report

By Patricia Clough

Scotland Yard is preparing a fresh report on the fire at a party in Deptford, south London, in 1981, in which 13 young blacks died.

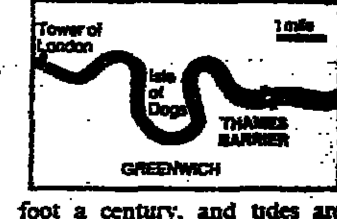
Police investigating the case have traced and interviewed in New York a man who left Britain soon after the fire. Witnesses are believed to have said that they saw him at the party.

The man, Mr Norman Higgins, aged 43, is understood to have told British detectives he never went to the party.

He is reported as saying that having heard about the fire early the next morning he drove to Deptford. He feared that his nephew and niece were dead and was photographed outside the house waiting for news of the victims, he said.

Royal command to stem the tide

By Charles Knevitt



A reigning monarch will at last hold back an incoming tide today when the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh opens the £460m Thames Barrier, one of the most remarkable feats of British engineering and ingenuity this century.

Soon after 4 pm, the Queen will press a switch to raise all 10 huge steel gates and dam the River Thames at Woolwich Reach, eight miles east of central London.

The barrier, a third of a mile wide, is the largest structure of its type in the world and took eight years to build. It was designed and built almost exclusively by British engineers and British industry, and more than 4,000 people were involved in its construction.

Its design allows river traffic to move freely at normal times. But in an emergency, the gates will close to prevent potentially disastrous flooding over more than a third of the capital.

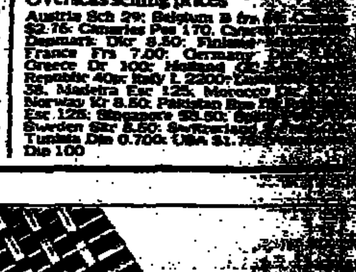
A million people live in the 45 square mile flood plain, and the Greater London Council, which commissioned the barrier, estimates that 100,000 people would be killed and that damage costing more than £3 billion would result from serious flooding caused by a surge tide.

London has suffered a number of serious floods, the worst in 1236. The capital is sinking a foot a century, and tides are rising. In 1978 the river came within two feet of breaching the city's defence works.

There have been many plans to build a barrier. When first proposed in 1935 the cost was estimated at £3m. Postwar studies included 41 different plans for six sites between Cannon Street railway bridge and Gravesend. Woolwich Reach was chosen because it offered the best shipping approach and substantial chalk foundations for the piers.

The Thames Barrier Act received the Royal Assent in August 1972. The next year the Government gave the go ahead for a rising-sector gate barrier, designed by the consulting engineers, Rendel, Palmer & Tritton, and costing an estimated £110m.

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Scramble for Africa's big rail contracts

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

British companies have been successful in winning valuable contracts in the international scramble to extend and refurbish African railways.

In particular, there has been a substantial penetration of former French colonies, where until recently France's railway supply industry kept a tight grip.

The biggest project in Africa is the £1,000m Transgabon railway, in the former French colony of Gabon.

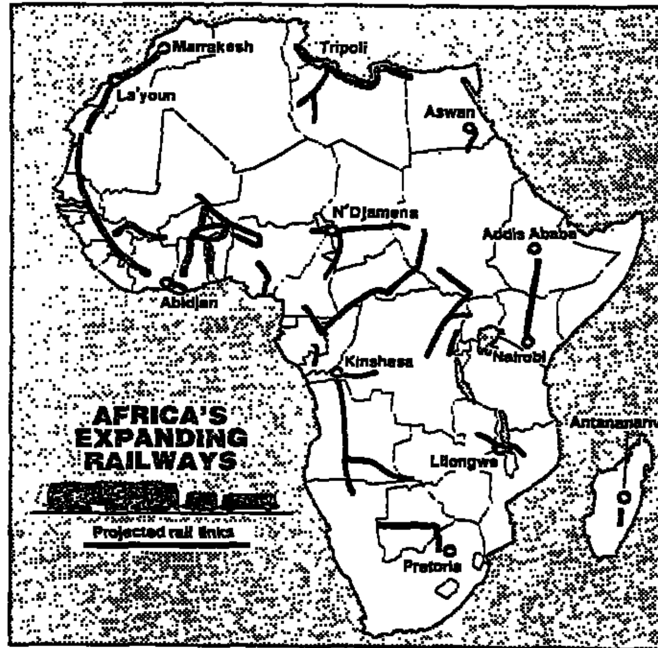
British companies with a big stake in the work include: Brush; British Rail Engineering; Henry Boot; British Steel; Taylor Woodrow, and Wimpey.

In Zimbabwe, Balfour Beatty, GEC, and Westinghouse are participating in a signalling and electrification scheme valued at more than £100m.

BR engineering is supplying passenger coaches worth £23m in the Congo, and BS Track Products rails and baseplates worth £4m.

In Kenya, BR Engineering is supplying £24m of coaches. Cowans Sheldon, of Carlisle, is supplying rail cranes to Zambia.

In Ghana, Brush is supplying locomotives; and in the Sudan, Hunslet Engineering is providing locomotives.



Railway development in Africa surged in the late 1960s and in the early 1970s, when newly independent countries sought to extend and link up their existing railways.

These were mostly built by former colonial powers for specific traffic flows, usually freight, such as iron ore, cotton, timber, from inland site to port, and were therefore limited in scope and generally run down.

Railway development was seen as a prime case for forging national unity and economic development, and hugely ambitious plans were prepared linking various national railways into something of a continental network.

But while Africa, an area big enough to contain Europe and the United States, conspicuously possesses one of the necessary attributes for successful railway development, long distances, languishing economies meant that the others, dense traffic flows and development funds, were lacking.

The World Bank, which backed some early schemes, lost its enthusiasm as they failed in the 1970s to produce an adequate return. It considered pulling out of this form of investment altogether two years ago.

But instead it decided to provide funds to make existing railways more efficient.

Gabon was one country wealthy and determined enough to go ahead anyway.

The enthusiasm of countries has certainly not waned. They want roads and airports too but "see railways as the backbone of their country's transport system", British Rail's Transmark consultancy says.

Crash coach tyres are inspected as island magistrate starts inquiry

From Richard Wigg, Palma

The magistrate investigating the Majorca coach crash, in which eight British tourists were killed and 15 were seriously injured, said yesterday it will be at least a month before he can declare his findings and propose any charges of criminal responsibility.

The 34 survivors of Saturday's pre-dawn crash were said by doctors late yesterday to be progressing satisfactorily, except two who are seriously ill with multiple injuries.

The condition of Mr Roger Britchford, from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and Mr Peter Marshall, from Coventry, who are on artificial ventilation, was described only as stationary.

Six of the fifteen who were badly hurt were taken off the serious list yesterday.

Señor Antonio Perello, the magistrate in Manacor, said: "The investigation must go slowly because we are trying to establish responsibility for the crash".

He was awaiting an expert's report requested from the Madrid School of Engineers on the condition of the coach's tyres, which police say may have had a blow-out.

The police have suggested that the Spanish-made Pegaso coach then plunged off the narrow bridge because the driver had lost control.

Speaking for the first time from his bed in Palma's Son Dureta Hospital on the Mallorquin television news yesterday, Señor Antonio Vidal, the professional driver of the coach, insisted the cause was mechanical failure.

He denied a suggestion that he had been overworking or might have dozed off momentarily just before the crash. The magistrate has yet to question the driver.

The magistrate said yesterday he also had to examine the state of the coach hired by Horizon Holidays, of Birmingham, which according to its owners was new from the manufacturers' test and entered service at the end of last month.

Señor Carlos Martin Plasencia, Majorca's civil governor, when tackled on the same news programme whether some island coach drivers did not overwork during the holiday season, replied that the laws governing their hours were strict.

He refused to endorse any theory of the cause until the investigations are finished.

The governor, who represents the socialist Government in Madrid, is now involved in a controversy with Majorca's autonomous regional government over the accident and the transfer of responsibility for the condition of the Balearic Islands' roads.

Majorca was one of the few new autonomous regions that the socialists did not win in last year's elections and now has a right-wing coalition government.

Majorca's councillor responsible for negotiating the transfer of responsibilities with the central government has blamed Madrid for the delay, which, he said, prevented attention to the road bridge for this season.

The mayor of the area where Saturday's accident occurred had asked in February for Madrid to give priority to widening the bridge.

Yesterday Horizon's chairman Mr Bruce Tanner, was due to fly out.

Another casualty returns

The second crash casualty, Mr Percy Oxley, aged 45, from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, who received a fractured jaw and vertebrae, returned from Palma to Leeds-Bradford airport.

His wife, Elizabeth, aged 43, was killed in the accident.

Mrs Mary Gates, aged 32, from Letchworth, who was flown home on Sunday, was operated on yesterday at Pinehill Hospital, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. She received a broken jaw, dislocated shoulder and two broken ribs in the accident. Her condition was said to be fairly comfortable.

Her husband Michael, aged 35, was killed.

Everyone on the tour was insured, Horizon does not accept holidaymakers without adequate travel insurance.

Under the standard policy, £15,000 is paid out in the case of death, and £15,000 for the loss of use of an eye, limb, or total disablement.

For a child under 15, £1,000 is the maximum.

There is a £100,000 limit for the cost of medical care.

Mr Keith Purdom, Horizon operations director, said that discussions had been held yesterday about insurance. The company hoped to minimize the administrative problems. Normally a valid claim took about ten days to process.

Seatbelts should be fitted, expert says

An expert on coach design whose daughter was killed in the crash called yesterday for the installation of passenger seatbelts.

Mr Peter Windsor-Smith, former chief engineer of Daimler Transport Vehicles, said: "From television film it is quite clear that all the seats remained in position in the crash, but unless people are wearing a seatbelt, they can be catapulted to the front of the bus or even fly out of the window.

"What is needed is a car or aircraft-type belt. Of course, some people may want to walk up or down a bus but the law should insist on belts at dangerous sections of the road, or on motorways when buses or coaches travel at great speeds."

Mr Windsor-Smith, aged 62, from Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, left the company in 1971 to set up his own business.

His daughter, Miss Susanna Windsor-Smith, aged 19, died, and her fiance, Mr Mark Gamble, aged 25, From Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, was seriously injured.

No country in Europe has installed seat belts in coaches.

They are opposed on two grounds: that passengers will object or forget to wear them, and that they are not effective.

Mr Dennis Quin, director general of the Bus and Coach Council, said that the best restraint was the seat in front, and these were designed to take very strong forces.

He said that Britain and Hungary had the strictest regulations for coaches.

But the Economic Commission for Europe, part of the United Nations, and to which Spain is a signatory, is examining bus and coach safety.

A working group has studied stability, roof strength, seat mountings, and maximum weights and loadings. It is up to each signatory to implement recommendations.

The group aims to draw up test rules or criteria for the bodyshell of coaches by the end of this year.

Mr Quin said several improvements had been made recently, but none appeared relevant to the Spanish accident. The roof strength of coaches had been improved, but not even an inch-high steel plate roof could have protected the Spanish coach, if, as reported, it had fallen from between 40 and 90ft.

He said that more rigid windows would obviously be stronger, but sometimes they were the only means of escape.

Stability was not in question in the accident, he said.



Fund-raisers: Anna Ford with her daughter Claire and George the Clown opening a fête yesterday to raise money for the Log Cabin adventure playground for the disabled at West Ealing, west London. (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Hunt after sex attack on boy

The police were searching yesterday for a man who dragged a boy aged nine, into some empty flats, strangled him until he became unconscious and sexually assaulted him.

The attacker, with the words, "Big Arthur", on his black leather jacket, had approached the boy as he played in the road in Slough, Berkshire.

The police are also seeking a man calling himself "The Rat", who telephoned them shortly after the attack claiming in a slurred voice to have information.

Electricity board in £6m rebate move

By David Young

The London Electricity Board is hoping to trim its rates bill by £6m a year and pass the saving on to customers.

The board hopes the Government accept an amendment, now being put to the House of Lords, under which the system of charging electricity boards rates will be changed.

Since the early 1950s the 12 area electricity boards in England and Wales, of which the London Electricity Board has always been the largest, have paid rates on overhead lines, transformer stations and underground cables on a shared system based on market share.

However, as London has gradually lost its large industrial customers, the area boards, particularly in the southern and eastern regions have grown. The formula for charging local authority rates has remained unchanged.

The London board, which has a marginally higher tariff because of larger overheads, is trying to have the statutory rules governing the electricity supply industry changed so that the rates can be more fairly shared.

Minor roads seriously neglected report says

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Britain's minor roads are being seriously neglected although they make up the greater part – nearly 300,000 out of 345,000 kilomteres of the national road network, according to an report by the country's highway engineers.

It would take more than a century to repair them properly at present rates of progress, the Institute of Municiple Engineers says, but long before then many will have suffered total collapse.

Heavy lorries are the main culprits, and unlike on motorways and major roads, the problems they cause are not being dealt with. In rural areas, roads giving access to villages and small towns are suffering from severe rutting because they are too small for the lorries that use them.

The problem can be caused by relatively few lorries, and it is primarily a matter of width, the report says. Lorry wheels which overrun the edge of the road put an "intolerable strain on the carriageway edge which fails".

On secondary urban roads damage by lorries to pavements is the most serious cause of deterioration together with trench-digging for gas, electricity, and water works and the average expenditure for all UK highway authorities on remedial work after damage by lorries is nearly 17 per cent of the total.

"This is a very serious situation, and the institution recommends that the police and highway authorities be more rigorous in their attempts to stop the practice [of running on footpaths] and claim damages where cases can be proven," the report says.

It concludes that there is an overempahsis on maintaining motorways and trunk roads which, while they present important and immediate problems, account for only four per cent of the country's roads.

Ruling bans treatment by trustee consultants

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Consultants who are directors or trustees of private hospitals with charitable status must not treat patients in them privately, the Charity Commissioners have ruled.

The ruling is likely to mean that consultants will have to resign as directors or trustees of at least a dozen private acute hospitals, the Association of Independent Hospitals says.

Appeals have also been made to the General Medical Council and to the British Medical Association to rule that consultants should not be allowed to invest in non-charitable private hospitals and then treat patients in them.

The association's members include big groups such as Nuffield and American Medical International hospitals and small nursing homes. Its administrator, Mr John Randle, said yesterday that at least a dozen charitable private hospitals would be affected by the commissioners' ruling.

He said that it had always been the case under the Charities Act 1960 that there must be no conflict between someone's personal interest in treating patients and his duty as a trustee.

NHS 'needs more women doctors'

More women doctors should be available to treat National Health Service patients, the national council of the Medical Women's Federation said yesterday (the Press Association reports). At its annual meeting in Glasgow it agreed that women doctors should be available for patients

The federation claims that a disproportionate number of women doctors have difficulty in completing postgraduate training and are forced to take unpopular posts or part-time insecure jobs.

Voice command system developed for computer

By Matthew May

Getting to grips with the microcomputer age could well become easier with the latest development in the field, the ability to talk to a machine instead of using a keyboard.

The United States software company, Supersoft, has now produced a commercial voice recognition system, Voicedrive, which it is using to write three programs for a computer from Texas Instruments.

Spoken control can be substituted for any combination of the key strokes normally used in a program. Users have to place any word they want recognized in the computer's vocabulary by repeating it several times. By storing several versions of the word, the computer can allow for any variations in a person's voice.

The speech is converted into digital bits of information so that numbers are substituted for the energy, pitch and voiced or unvoiced timbre of the language. This digital information is broken into 50 frames per second, and every frame is stored.

Up to 50 words can be recognized by the computer instantly, with another 50 available in a quarter of a second.



Word power: Using a speech command system the computer operator's hands are free for other tasks.

Wedding of exiled king delayed

The marriage of a young English woman to exiled King Rechad Al-Mahdi of Tunisia has been postponed.

Caroline Mackenzie's mother said yesterday the 36-year-old "king" was suffering from meningitis in hospital.

The stockbroker king met his future "queen-in-exile" at the City firm where they both worked and they became engaged 15 months ago.

Their planned marriage next Saturday near her home in Sherborne St John's, Hampshire, was hailed as the "wedding of the week" in the latest edition of *Woman* magazine.

Miss Mackenzie, an Oxford graduate, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, met him in November 1982

Billy Graham leaves hospital

Dr Billy Graham, the American evangelist, left the Royal Masonic Hospital, west London, yesterday after a successful sinus operation.

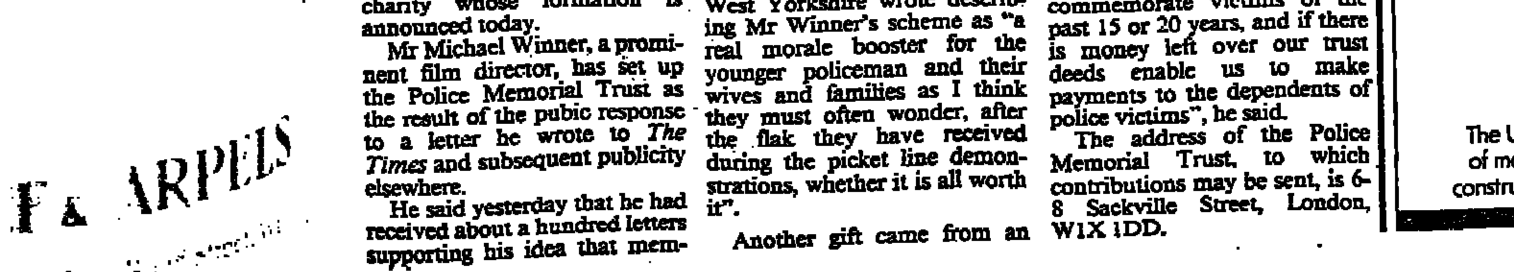
Dr Graham launches Mission England, his biggest crusade for 20 years, in Bristol on Saturday.

TV man better

Cliff Michelmore, the television personality who was admitted to the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, last week after a suspected heart attack, should be well enough to leave "in a day or two," the hospital said yesterday.

Memorial for police killed on duty

By Robin Young



Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot outside the Libyan People's Bureau, and other police officers killed in the course of duty, will be commemorated by a charity whose formation is announced today.

Mr Michael Winner, a prominent film director, has set up the Police Memorial Trust as the result of the pubic response to a letter he wrote to *The Times* and subsequent publicity elsewhere.

He said yesterday that he had received about a hundred letters supporting his idea that memorials should be raised to police officers killed on duty. Two-thirds of the letters included gifts of money which totalled nearly £600 already.

A policeman's wife from West Yorkshire wrote describing Mr Winner's scheme as "a real morale booster for the younger policeman and their wives and families as I think they must often wonder, after the flak they have received during the picket line demonstrations, whether it is all worth it".

Another gift came from an American tourist on holiday in Scotland.

Mr Winner said yesterday that he knew of 35 police officers killed on duty in the past 12 years.

"We would be happy to commemorate victims of the past 15 or 20 years, and if there is money left over our trust deeds enable us to make payments to the dependents of police victims", he said.

The address of the Police Memorial Trust, to which contributions may be sent, is 6-8 Sackville Street, London, W1X 1DD.

Blame for glue craze rejected by traders

Blame for the glue-sniffing craze should not be placed on small shopkeepers, the annual conference of the National Association of Shopkeepers was told by its president, Mr Gordon McDonnell, in Llundidno yesterday.

Mr McDonnell said: "We are responsible individuals running family concerns and know most of our customers.

"It is just not true that we are to blame in any way for this social problem of solvent abuse.

"What is required is coordination between ourselves, manufacturers, social workers, police, parents and schools.

But the ideal solution is for manufacturers to bring out a product which is safe. We are told there is the technology to do so."

Mr McDonnell also criticized manufacturers for giving unfair discounts to supermarkets.

He said: "We believe the manufacturers are pressurized into this, and groceries and tobacco are two of the items we complain about .

"It is really putting the squeeze on the corner shops, and in addition the big stores are breaking all the rules about opening hours."

Union asks all teachers to protect exam pupils from pay protests

By Colin Hughes

Teachers were urged by Britain's third largest teaching union yesterday to agree to protect pupils facing public examinations from the effects of industrial action.

The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, with 90,000 members, made a special plea to members of the two largest teaching unions to safeguard the prospects of teenagers whose futures depend on results gained at GCE and CSE examinations being held during the next few weeks.

Miss Doreen Jones, the association's president, said: "We will gain nothing by penalizing our pupils for the wrong-headed obstinacy of their political elders. Nor must we do anything to allow the public to question the sincerity of our concern for the long-term interests of children and the education service.

"We have advised our own members to withdraw goodwill and are currently conducting a national ballot on the withdrawal of cover.

"But we are pledged to do nothing to jeopardize the conduct of the public exams thousands of boys and girls will sit this term."

Mr Peter Smith, general secretary, said the association was reacting to "sabre-twitching" at the weekend by militants in the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, who wanted to intensify action over the pay dispute by disrupting examinations.

Even if the noises being made about refusing to invigilate examinations were empty threats, they still create an atmosphere of uncertainty imposing an unacceptable strain on examination candidates, Mr Smith said.

Prejudicing children's prospects would be counter-productive and would forfeit public sympathy for the teachers' understandable frustration over the employers' refusal to go to arbitration.

The other union's leaders had a responsibility to say firmly that "whatever else happens, parents and pupils can be confident that nothing will interfere with the exams", Mr Smith said.

Both those unions have so far ruled out action specifically aimed at examinations but they are allowing the threat to be held in reserve.

Mr Smith said such ambiguity carried the risk that the teacher's volatile mood would provoke unofficial action by local branches which wished to go further and disrupt examinations.

Tomorrow's one-day national strike by the National Union of Teachers which has 235,000 members, provides the first full-scale test of support for the action over a 4.5 per cent pay offer.

The union's branches will be balloted on proposals for stepping up the action

On Friday, the National Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Teachers, agreed on selective lightning strikes aimed at vulnerable schools and prominent local authorities but it is keeping details of its targets secret.

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Riding along on the crest of Jesse Jackson's wave

More black pride, but black power unlikely

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

The Jesse Jackson whirlwind has blown its way through New York, but the excitement lingers on. The Jackson effect caused a record turn-out of blacks in the recent Democratic primary, underlined the importance of voter registration and renewed the debate about the chances of New York electing a black mayor.

Four of the six largest cities of the United States, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit and Philadelphia, are run by black mayors and it is understandable that the blacks should think seriously of voting a black into the job of chief New Yorker.

Certainly, expectations have been heightened. Blacks form about a quarter of the city's population, but their vote in the primary was a third of the total. There can be no doubt that the phenomenal personality of Mr Jackson raised hopes and, by the by, increased self-esteem in the black community.



Mayor Koch and his police chief, Mr Benjamin Ward, at this year's St Patrick's parade.

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Total	7,071,639	%
White	3,668,945	(51.9)
Black	1,694,127	(23.9)
Hispanic	1,406,024	(19.9)
Asian/Pacific	234,445	(3.3)
Other	68,098	(0 9)

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Total	7,894,851	%
White	4,972,509	(63)
Black	1,525,745	(19.3)
Hispanic	1,278,630	(16.2)
Asian/Pacific	115,830	(1.5)
Other	2,137	(0 027)

NOTE: The 1980 census figures for New York are the subject of a dispute between the city authorities and the US census Bureau. The city maintains the population is higher than shown and has started legal action against the Census Bureau.

There is no doubt, either, that many blacks would like to see Mayor Edward Koch defeated when he runs for a third term of office next year. They think about him as they think about President Reagan, that he has a down on them. They think that both men lack compassion.

Resentment of Mr Koch surfaced in its most public form in the black and Spanish speaking district of Harlem last year, during hearings on allegations of police brutality.

Mayor Koch is familiar with black resentment of himself and his administration. He points out that three previous New York administrations, all known as sensitive to black aspirations, had racial troubles and rioting. Under his rule there has been no trouble on the streets.

He has partly quietened the grumbling by appointing a black police commissioner. It is one of the city's toughest jobs. But it is an appointed job, and that reminds blacks that no black or Hispanic holds a major elective position in New York, and that, however seductive and exciting the Jackson effect, they are a long way from getting the big prize.

In the first place there are not enough of them. In this most polyglot of American cities, where a quarter of the people were born abroad, a black

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candidate would need a sizable white and Hispanic backing. Some black leaders believe that a significant number of whites including Jews, would like to see Mr Koch replaced.

But the Jackson effect was precisely that: it was created by a particular, remarkable personality. There is no one in New York at the moment who could excite people in the same way.

So some black politicians see sense in backing a liberal white candidate who might run against Mayor Koch and bring him down. But the special excitement that would be stirred by a black candidate would be missing, and many blacks might not be so moved to vote.

In any case, many thoughtful politicians, black and white, see dangers in polarizing the vote, in creating a situation in which blacks are pressed to vote only for blacks, and vice versa.

Mr Jackson's progress through New York put new fizz into the city's politics. Blacks feel strengthened, and their bargaining power may have increased. The big prize is a long way off, but it was not all that long ago that racial discrimination kept black men from even dreaming of it.

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Whitehall brief

The daring battle to streamline defence

By Peter Hennessy and Rodney Cowton

Point Mr Michael Heseltine at a big bureaucracy and he salivates. Which is the main reason the Prime Minister sent him to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) as Secretary of State 17 months ago. Tackling the Department of the Environment as its Secretary of State had merely been a limbering up for the big match.

Mr Heseltine brought his personal tool kit known as MINIS (management information system for ministers) across Whitehall with him in 1983. The result is a pile of paper 18in thick, which outsiders cannot see for security reasons. It is called MINIS 1.

Its visible outcome is Mr Heseltine's proposals for streamlining the chiefs of staff organization and merging it with the civilian defence secretariats. It is bold, it is clear and it treads where no secretary of state has dared to go since General Sir Ian Jacob and the late Lord Ismay suggested something similar in 1963.

In a letter published in *The Times* yesterday, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach criticized proposals to vest all real power in the Chief of Defence Staff, rather than the Chiefs of Staff Committee. He said that the man would be easier to override or be replaced.

Sir Henry also criticized the idea of stripping single Service departments of their policy and operational requirements staff and centralizing them.

"Within any one Service it is already hard enough to acquire the necessary theory and consolidate it by practical experience in the field at the various levels of a career to maintain the professional expertise on which so much depends. We tamper with that expertise at our peril."

The more dedicated Heseltine-watchers inside Whitehall harbour an uncharitable suspicion that it represents an attempt by the Secretary of State for Defence at practising a deception comparable with that which misled Hitler into believing the Allies were going to invade the Pas de Calais rather than Normandy in 1944.

Their thesis is that MINIS 1 failed to find any real savings in the military, civilian and scientific bureaucracies of MoD and some headline-catching surrogate had to be found: hence the assault on the single-service traditions and structures at the top of the military hierarchy.

That view infuriates Mr Heseltine's helpers who conducted MINIS 1. They see it as an "enabling act" which will allow Mr Heseltine to flush out the real problems in defence

Things have changed, they insist, since 1964 when the War Office, Admiralty and Air Ministry were merged into a single MoD and no savings resulted until the harsher climate of the 1970s. Since 1974 the size of MoD headquarters has come down by a quarter.



Biting study: Mr Heseltine with a Phantom aircraft at Greenham air base.

MINIS, counter the sceptics, does not bite unless it gets down to executive officer level, the workhorse grade, in a ministry as it did when Mr Heseltine pioneered it at the Department of the Environment. The MoD MINIS-men admit their exercise penetrated directly only to assistant secretary level and that Mr Heseltine was able to interview no more than half of the 156 under secretaries or their military equivalents who were designated as MINIS officers.

Unlike the post-1964 experience, savings will begin to "fall out" as the system runs in. MINIS 2, for example, unlike its precursor, will investigate front-line commands.

Has Mr Heseltine knitted together, with his customary flair, a piece of first-class camouflage? Or is his managerial revolution at MoD really under way? He has a chance to convince the sceptics next Monday when he presents his 1984 Defence White Paper to Parliament.

Party organization: 2

Dispelling doubts with determination

While the Social Democrats seek new members and the Liberals decentralize, Labour seek a new style under its new leadership. ANTHONY BEVINS, Political Correspondent, describes how Labour's machine has reacted to defeat.

No political party has changed as much as Labour since the last election. Mr Jim Mortimer, the party's general secretary, says that the scale of defeat, "with our backs to the wall", was the catalyst.

The biggest change of all was heralded by Mr Neil Kinnock in a leadership campaign speech in Stoke-on-Trent last September, when he spoke of a desire to turn away from the party "preoccupation with the minutae of constitutional argument" towards the struggle with "the real enemies", the Tories and the Alliance.

Since his election as leader, Labour has gone quiet on policy controversies and on organizational conflict. The golden silence is being weighed in improved opinion poll ratings. No Labour leader volunteers debate about the future of the nuclear deterrent, any more than anyone proposes action against the Militant MPs. Trouble-making newspapers and journalists are to be shunned.

Instead, the party has diverted its attention and its abundant energies into direct, meet-the-people campaigns, the traditional "caravans and cartoons" which are being used to promote Labour's broad-brush image.

Mr Mortimer says that Mrs Margaret Thatcher has shown that determination can win over the doubters.

"The breast-beating is out. Determination is very important. If we can show confidence in each other, then we can be coherent and that will overcome the doubters' misgivings."

It is a formula which worked well in Chesterfield and Cynon Valley, though Stafford and Surrey South West undelined the scale of the task ahead.

The determination the confidence and the coherence are being mobilized behind specific campaigns on the National Health Service, local government democracy and the European Assembly elections, which Mr Kinnock has marked down as the turning point in Labour's electoral fortunes.

But Mr Mortimer says that the message is particularly aimed at the C1s, the white collar trade unionists, the millions of "natural" Labour voters who failed to back the party at the last election.

Market research is being used as part of "a more sophisticated approach towards the electorate, and Market and Opinion Research International polling earlier this year showed that while Labour support among ABC1s had increased by 11 per cent since the election, it still stood at only 24 per cent, 30 percentage points behind the Tories.

"The big task is to win over the C1s", Mr Mortimer says. The Labour weakness, presumably identified by private pollsters, is inflation policy. "These people are not directly affected by unemployment, but they are affected by inflation."

But if Labour is to switch all its efforts into a united, nationwide strategy of campaigning on issues which score points off its opponents, other activities, such as delicate policy debate and wasteful organization, will have to be curtailed.

The party has balanced its accounts in only two of the last 15 years

Over the past 18 months there has been a net cut of about 10 in the overall staff of 130, but the party has now appointed a fund-raiser to bolster its £4m annual income and it is going to take on a sales and marketing officer to raise revenue and sell the Labour message.

Membership is currently put at about 270,000, "slightly up". But then the party has only another 12 months to achieve Mr Kinnock's own Stoke target of another quarter million members within 18 months, "not a pious hope, given the problems that the British people will face". It is indeed a tough test.

Tomorrow: The Conservatives.

Another communist bastion falls in Paris Red Belt

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The succession of Communist electoral defeats in France continued at the weekend with the loss of another former stronghold in the disintegrating "Red Belt" around Paris. Noisy-le-Grand in Seine St Dénis was the sixth big town of more than 30,000 inhabitants lost by the Communists since the municipal elections just over a year ago.

The Communists, who managed to cling to Noisy-le-Grand *by 150 votes in the March 1983* elections, obtained only 37 per cent of the vote in Sundays by-election, held after annulment of the earlier results due to fraud. The Gaullist party *Rassenblement pour la République*, which won 53 per cent of the vote, now takes over control.

Two other important municipal by-elections are due on May 20 in Houilles, also on the outskirts of Paris, and in Thionville in Moselle, because of cancellation of the earlier results after electoral irregularities. Both towns have long been considered Communist fiefs.

The latest results do not bode well for the next important test of the Communists' popularity in the European parliamentary elections of June 17, when the Communists and Socialists are presenting separate lists. The latest opinion polls give the Communists no more than 12 to 13 per cent of the vote.

Far from winning the Communists greater support, as they had hoped, participation in a Government Of The Left has resulted in continued decline as, inevitably, they have become associated with the Government's highly unpopular policies of economic austerity.

With an eye on the European elections, the Communists have recently been raising the tone of their attacks against the Government. The "clarification" of their attitude, called for by President Mitterrand and obtained in the form of a vote of confidence in the Government last month, has manifestly made no difference at all to their conduct.

Never have they been quite so blatantly damning as in their criticisms at the weekend of the announcement by M Jacques Delors, the Finance Minister, of the need for even greater budgetary "rigour" next year.

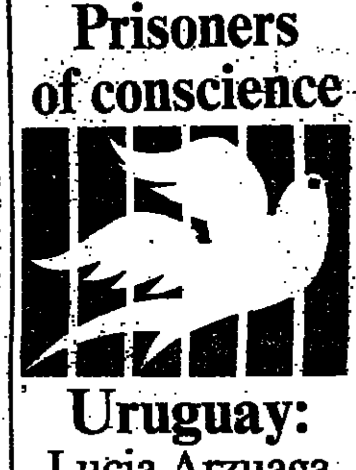
It was a bad policy which was undermining the possibilities for economic recovery, and was in total disagreement with the joint undertakings made by the Socialists and Communists in June 1981, M Georges Marchias, the Communist leader, said.

The Finance Minister's plans for a cut by one percentage point in taxes and compulsory levies next year (as promised by President Mitterrand himself) was a "sham", he added. It would simply involve taking a little less out of one pocket in order to take a lot more out of another.

M Georges Valbon, a member of the Communist Party Central Committee and former head of the national coal industry, said that the Government's policies were leading the country to "a political and economic catastrophe". M Henri Krasucki, leader of the Communist-led CGT union, called on workers to rise up against the Government's "unacceptable" policies which were, he said, undoing the social gains achieved over the previous two years.

Despite this new head-on clash between the Communists and Socialists, the Communists still insist they have no intention of leaving the Government.

Prisoners of conscience



Uruguay: Lucia Arzuaga

By Caroline Moorehead

Lucia Arznaga Gilboa, a medical student aged 25, was recovering from an attack of meningitis when she was arrested in June, 1983, held incomunicado for 15 days and reportedly tortured. She was beaten, given electric shock and had her head held in a tank of water. She is also understood to have been threatened with rape, and forced to watch other women prisoners being raped.

Señorita Arznaga was one of more than 50 university students arrested at the time. She and 24 others were later charged with "subversive association" as suspected members of the Union of Communist Youth, an illegal organization.

She is still awaiting trial in the military prison for women political prisoners, Punta de Rieles, and faces a sentence of between three and 18 years' imprisonment.

While in prison, Señorita Arznaga is known to have suffered from severe vomiting and she has been taken to hospital several times for medical tests.

Since the 1970s there have been repeated reports from Uruguay of torture being used to obtain information. It is most often carried out during the first period of detention.





Lucia Arznaga: Threatened with rape.

Life sentence for Baader gang member

Stuttgart (Reuter) – Jürgen-Peter Boock, an urban guerrilla, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for complicity in the former Baader-Meinhof gang's killing of a banker and a businessman seven years ago.

Altogether the court gave Boock, aged 32, four separate life terms for the murders of the Dresdner Bank chief Jürgen Ponto; Hanns-Martin Schleyer, a businessman, and Herr Schleyer's four bodyguards.

He also received a 15-year jail term for his part in setting up a multiple rocket launcher aimed at the federal prosecution building in Karlruhe in 1977, which failed

His lawyer, who gave notice of appeal, had asked for clemency, saying that Boock had broken away from West Germany's urban guerrilla movement in 1980 and had acted under the influence of drugs.

The court rejected a claim that Boock had only been a "useful idiot"

Sikh militants arrested and village leader killed

Delhi (AP) – Sikh rebels assassinated a village leader yesterday as the Government announced that 22 militants had been arrested and 13 firearms seized in the town of Moga.

Meanwhile, followers of the two main Sikh leaders, Sant Jarnail Bhindranwale and Sant Harchand Longowal, exchanged gunfire inside a shrine in Kapurthala district in Punjab.

The rival leaders fell out last month and accused each other of betraying the Sikh cause. Six people were recently killed in attacks by feuding Sikh groups. Three of the deaths were in the Golden Temple of Amritsar, the holiest Sikh shrine and seat of the militant movement.

Authorities said extremists killed a village leader and seriously wounded his nephew in Punjab's Ferozepur district, south-west of Kapurthala. The Indian Home Affairs Minister, Mr P C Sethi, told Parliament that a swift operation netted 13 weapons and two grenades in the search of three Sikh temples

The search and arrests followed the end of an eight-day siege of the three shrines by troops of India's border force. The shrines were surrounded after eight people were killed in a clash between troops and rebels firing from inside the main city temple. Mr Sethi said 16 extremists were arrested in an earlier operation by police and paramilitary forces.

Amritsar was reported calm yesterday after a two-hour gun battle between Sikhs and police. A Hindu watching the shooting from the terrace of his home was killed and four wounded in the exchange late on Sunday.

● **Rebel rivals:** Seven Hindu organizations in Punjab have merged to counter the Sikh threat and end the killing of Hindus (AFP reports). The decision was taken at a meeting in the industrial town of Ludhiana, attended by 60 Hindu leaders. The organization is called Rashtriya Hindu Suraksha Sena (National Hindu Defence Force).

UN seeks fairer deal for political refugees

From Our Correspondent
Geneva

A campaign to press the world's governments to honour their Geneva Convention obligations on political refugees is being launched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

In the face of recession and unemployment, the UNHCR is concerned that doors are being slammed – or opened only wide enough to eject refugees with legitimate claims to asylum.

Mr Poul Hartling, the High Commissioner, is taking to the road and is described as "being ready to break dishes if necessary" to impress on officials in the world's capitals that a self-declared political refugee must be given the benefit of the doubt until his asylum claim is fully heard.

In theory, a refugee should not be returned to a country where he has reasonable grounds to fear persecution. Nor should he be refused entry and simply be put on the next flight out, with the destination irrelevant.

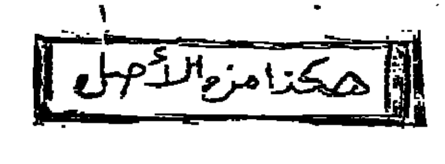
In practice, the decision often does not reach the courts, but is exercised on the spot by border guards.

A number of cases have provoked the High Commission's concern: Tanzania and Kenya recently exchanged political refugees (30 each); Zambia has returned people to Angola; about 50 Iranians have been sent back to Turkey; and the Thai authorities are having Vietnamese boat people towed back out to sea, and at least 23 have perished.

Honduras has sent back Guatamalans and Salvadoreans and the United States gives Haitians and Salvadoreans, regarding them as economic migrants, the choice between prolonged detention or being "free to go home". No country welcomes Palestinians, who, sickened by endless strife, hve quit Lebanon or Syria.

Western Europe in general does not send refugees home, but returns them instead to countries of "first asylum" – which may refuse them reentry, so that they go into limbo, the present fate of 13 Iranians shuttled between Pakistan and Hongkong.

The UNHCR is urging governments to contact its nearest office – about 80 worldwide – for interpretation of what it regards as "an imperative role of international law."



Kohl expected to ride out challenges at party congress

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Two challenges to the west German Government will dominate the Christian Democrats' congress, which opens in Stuttgart this evening – the likelihood of protracted, strikes in the engineering and metal industry, and the growing row over the proposed amnesty for firms accused of tax evasion over donations to party political funds.

A revolt is already threatened in the ranks of the coalition Government over the amnesty. The Free Democrats have had second thoughts and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the party leader, has been strongly criticized for approving the plan.

Many Christian Democratic members of the Bundestag are also unhappy about the biting accusations of self-interest levelled at the Government and the derision with which the press has greeted the proposal.

Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and his ministers have insisted that the amnesty does not absolve any of the 1,000 companies involved from repaying in full the taxes it owes. Herr Kohl will probably repeat to the congress his conviction that, given the nebulous laws on political donation, most firms did not realize they were doing anything wrong. The amnesty will not affect the investigations and possible trials of those involved in receiving payments from the Flick group of companies.

Herr Kohl will probably ride out any incipient revolt, much as he has weathered other challenges to his authority. His standing in the party is now high, and the murmuring and complaints about his relaxed style of leadership, heard only a few months ago, have all but vanished.

A more serious challenge faces his Government in the industrial field. The vote by the Stuttgart metalworkers to back their union's call for strikes over the demand for a 35-hour week has shaken the Government. Herr Kohl has given a warning of the serious damage a strike would do to Germany's industrial recovery, and will appeal again to the unions to sit down at the negotiating table.

There will be another ballot today of members of the metalworkers union in the Frankfurt area. The union will decide on Thursday what further steps to take. It is supported in its campaign for a five-hour cut in the working week, without a cut in pay, by the printers union and the big public service union.

The first major industrial conflict since the coalition came to power has caught the Government off guard. There have been no big strikes in Germany since 1978, and the Government appears to have underestimated the unions' militancy on the issue. Their demands have not been softened by the Government's counter-offer of early retirement.

Chancellor Kohl will probably soften his tough stand against any change in the working week, which the union says is the only way to create more jobs and cut unemployment. But he will insist that unemployment – which the Government has had little success in reducing – will be alleviated only by the long-awaited upturn in the economy.

The congress will also discuss the challenge of new technology to German industry and society, and government plans for a tax cut, which entails raising indirect taxes and cutting family benefits and have aroused opposition.





Mr Richard Sargeant of the Los Angeles Olympic Committee (left) receives the flame from Professor Nissiotis. Right, the torch being lit.

Greeks keep low profile at Olympic flame ceremony

The Olympic Flame was lit in ancient Olympia yesterday and was promptly flown to New York for the twenty-third Olympic Games which open in Los Angeles on July 28.

Miss Katerina Didaskalou, a drama student aged 24, dressed in the robes of a high priestess, and standing in front of the ruined Temple of Hera, lit the flame from the rays of the sun with the help of a concave mirror.

Escorted by a chorus of 14 young women wearing long beige tunics, and by two flute-players, she carried the Olympic torch to the stadium where the original games were held in antiquity to invoke Zeuss's blessing.

There was enough pageantry to perserve the tradition, but despite the presence of a senior Cabinet minister, Greek participation in the ceremony was evidently low key. The tight security measures in the sanctuary, barred to the public for the day, were a constant reminder of the bitterness and controversy that have surrounded the occasion.

Many Greeks believe the Los Angeles organizing committee is committing sacrilege against the Olympic ideal by authorizing the commercial sponsorship of the relay of the flame over 5,500 miles in the United States at the rate of nearly £1,500 a mile, even though the money will be used for charity.

A boycott staged by the Greek Amateur Athletics Federation, and threats by the local authorities to mar the ceremonies, prompted the Greek Olympic committee to abstain from the lighting ceremony and cancel the relay run over 500 miles to Athens. Plans to transfer the flame via satellite had to be abandoned because of technical difficulties.

Greek resentment over the so-called commercialization of the flame, was evident in Olympia in the form of a large banner hung above the entrance to the sanctuary which read: "Olympia refuses to give the flame.

Later, as the torch was handed by Professor Nicos Nissiotis, in his capacity as Greek member of the International Olympic Committee, to a delegation of Los Angeles Organizers, a few dozen demonstrators gathered outside the town hall of the modern village of Olympia to protest.

Iran's chief Marxist recants on television

Tehran (AFP) – The leading ideologist of the banned Iranian Communist Party has denounced Marxism and all his own theoretical works on communism.

In a televised "confession" lasting 59 minutes last night, Mr Ehsan Tabari urged viewers to reject his books because they were "full of false information" and everything which had no bearing on Islam was "without value".

As the head of the Tudeh (Communist) Party's ideology section, Mr Tabari had even greater prestige than the party's Secretary General, Mr Nureddin Kianure, who himself made a televised confession last year.

In fact, analysts here have expressed surprise that Mr Tabari had not made a confession earlier, as the rest of the leadership has done since the party was banned in May last year and hundreds of its supporters arrested.

The authorities' explanation for the delay was that Mr Tabari, aged 67, was in hospital after a heart attack. During his televised statement, he looked thinner and older, and asked to be excused for reading from notes "because of my illness".

He gave an account of his 42 years as a Communist Party member, including eight years in exile in the Soviet Union

He said he was arrested here on April 27, 1983, three months after the leading members of the party executive.

Truman: One of the strongest presidents.

Truman's home town remembers

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The inhabitants of independence, Missouri, commemorate today the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the city's most famous son – Harry S. Truman, the insignificant small-town politician who went on to become one of the strongest presidents in American history.

For the most part the celebrations will be local and low-key, just as Truman would have liked it. They began on Sunday, with a parade through the town centre and will continue in fits and starts until early next week. Highlights include a baseball game, a wreath-laying ceremony and the baking of a birthday cake large enough for 5,000 people.

There will also be guided tours of 219 North Delaware, the Truman home, which doubled as the summer White House during the seven and a half years he was president. A special set of postage stamps has been issued and enterprising businessmen are marketing Truman T-shirts.

Truman was sworn in as the thirty-third president of the United States on April 12, 1945, after the death in office of Franklin Roosevelt.

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Police face Solidarity death trial

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

A Warsaw prosecutor yesterday charged six men, including two police officers, with involvement in the death of a young student who became a martyr for supporters of the banned Solidarity trade union.

The student, Grzegorz Przemyk, was detained by police in May 12 last year in the Old Town district of Warsaw after celebrating the end of his examinations.

There was a struggle and Przemyk, the sone of the poet and prominent Solidarity supporter Barbara Sadowska, was taken from a nearby militia station by ambulance. Friends of the family say that, although he was clearly in pain doctors did not give him treatment. He died two days later and his funeral was attended by 50,000 well-wishers, many of them wearing Solidarity badges.

None of the charges filed yesterday alleges murder. Two ambulancemen are charged under Article 158, paragraph 3, which provides for a minimum of one year in jail for those found guilty of "causing death after a fight".

The two policemen face a maximum of three years' jail for "participating in a struggle which exposed a person to possible loss of life".

Two doctors fave sentences of between six months and five years for serious neglect. All charges are therefore a variation of manslaughter.

The Polish authorities, having drawn up an indictment against the six suspects, suddenly withdrew the charge-sheet in the light of – unspecified – new evidence.

Yesterday's announcement was probably designed to forestall any large-scale protests on the anniversary of Przemky's death.

White journalist charged over Swapo documents

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A white Namibian journalist, Miss Gwen Lister, appeared in a regional court near Johannesburg yesterday, charged with possession of banned literature, which she brought back with her after attending a United Nations conference on Namibia (South West Africa) in Paris last May.

Miss Lister, in addition to her main job as the political reporter of the *Windhoek Observer*, is also a correspondent for the BBC in Namibia. The documents were confiscated by customs officials at Jan Smuts airport, Johannesburg, where she was detained for a time.

Five of the documents have given rise to charges under the Publications and Customs Act. Two of them are separate editions of the constitution of Swapo (South West Africa People's Organization), which has been waging a guerrilla war against South Africa's occupation of Namibia.

● **Critics accused:** South African newspapers said yesterday that British critics of the visit by Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister, to Britain are hypocritical and ill-informed about social changes in South Africa.

Mr Botha is to visit Britain and West Germany in about three weeks, during a trip that could include Portugal and possibly France.

Beeld, an Afrikaans daily that supports Mr Botha's plans for limited racial reform, said in a leading article: "... The British Government's position over sports contacts with and weapons for South Africa, and the unbelievable two-faced stance over condemning terrorism and at the same time protecting the African National Congress, is one of the things that is most strongly faulted by South Africans ..."

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Duarte wins El Salvador election without fraud challenge from rival

From John Carlin, San Salvador

Señor Napoleón Duarte has won El Salvador's presidential election, but by a much smaller margin over Major Roberto D'Aubuisson than had been expected. That is not official, but is beyond doubt.

Señor Duarte has claimed victory and his opponent has not contradicted him. Fears that Major D'Aubuisson would challenge the result with charges of fraud also failed to materialize.

The right-wing candidate claimed victory at the end of polling on Sunday evening but effectively sealed the outcome in a news conference yesterday morning when, abandoning his habitual belligerence, he admitted Señor Duarte was ahead on the initial returns.

"I'm not going to concede defeat until the Central Elections Council puts out the official results," Major D'Aubuisson said, but his tone indicated that he is resigned to second place.

Crucially, he then said: "There were some irregularities (in the voting) . . . but I will not use the word 'fraud'." His pledge to accept the result will smooth the path for El Salvador's latest attempt to install a serious democracy and take away the pretext for violence among those sectors of the extreme right whom, it is still feared, might seek bloody retribution.

At a victory rally at Christian Democrat headquarters in the early hours of yesterday morning, Señor Duarte announced that he had won 55 per cent of the vote to Major D'Aubuisson's 45 per cent.

"There is no doubt. We are obsolutely sure we have won", he told screaming supporters. The estimate was based on the party's own count. In the first round in March, the Christian Democrat projections tallied perfectly with the official results.

Major D'Aubcisson maintained that he had won eight of El Salvador's 14 provinces. If that proves the case, it will mean that Señor Duarte's traditional superiority in the capital has been decisive.

His rival said he expected a large drain of capital from the country – another subtle concession of defeat – endorsing the predictions of how the private sector, bitterly antagonistic to Señor Duarte, would react.

● QUITO: The right-wing entrepreneur Señor León Febres Cordero, claiming a surprise victory over his Social Democratic opponent in Ecuador's presidential election, yesterday pledged to take this oil-rich country out of a severe economic slump (Reuter reports).

Señor Febres Cordero appeared on television as official results of Sunday's run-off gave him 52.2 per cent, with three-quarters of the votes counted.

The Social Democrat, Señor Rodrigo Borja, who was favourite in opinion polls, won 47.8 per cent and conceded he may have lost the race.

● PANAMA CITY: Both candidates in Panama's first presidential election in 16 years claimed they were ahead yesterday but counting continues (Reuter reports).

Defiant Hart faces four key primaries

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

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The three Democratic presidential hopefuls today face four crucial state primaries which many political experts – but none of the candidates themselves – predict could effectively sew up the nomination for Mr Walter Mondale.

The primaries are being held in Ohio, Indiana, Maryland and North Carolina and between them they will send a total of 368 delegates to the national convention in San Francisco in July.

Opinion polls show the former Vice-President leading Senator Gary Hart and the Rev Jesse Jackson in all four states, though in Ohio, which accounts for one-third of today's delegate total, and Indiana the gap between him and Mr Hart was very narrow.

Although a victory in all four states would leave Mr Mondale, whose delegate count now amounts to 1,234 after his victory in Texas on Saturday, still several hundred delegates short of the 1,967 he needs to secure the nomination, it would almost certainly give his campaign enough momentum to capture California, the biggest prize of all, on June 5.

However, Mr Hart made it clear yesterday that despite his setbacks in Texas and Louisiana at the weekend he intends to stay in the race right through to the national convention. Mr Jackson also emphasized that he had no intention of withdrawing, and the scene appears to be set for a bitter struggle in San Francisco.

Aware of the damage which continued squabbling among the candidates could do to the Democrats' election prospects in November, Democratic Party leaders are trying to forge a unity agreement between the three contestants.

However, Mr Hart and Mr Jackson have expressed reservations about such moves, which they fear are designed to help Mr Mondale secure the nomination in advance of the convention.

Kiss in the crowd: Senator Hart receiving a kiss from a Cleveland supporter.

The need for the party to end its infighting and present a united front against President Reagan was underlined yesterday by a new poll published by the *Los Angeles Times*. The poll showed the President would easily defeat either Mr Mondale or Mr Hart if the election were held now.

The unity moves are being spearheaded by Mr Charles Manatt, the party chairman who has said he would support the appointment of Mr Robert Strauss, the veteran politician, to head a group to resolve disputes between the three candidates.

However, Mr Hart's staff say they are opposed to Mr Strauss's appointment, as he is a Mondale supporter and his nomination is seen as an attempt to boost the former Vice-President's nomination prospects.

Both Mr Hart and Mr Jackson are insisting, as the price for their participation in the talks, that the unity group should examine the process whereby delegates are selected to the convention.

China pledges support and arms for PLO

Peking (Reuter) – Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, yesterday secured a Chinese commitment to supply further weapons to the PLO as well as continued political backing.

The new China News Agency quoted Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, as telling Mr Arafat that China would provide "the cause of Palestinian liberation with political, material and moral assistance within its capability". Middle East diplomats took the term "material assistance" to mean military and medical aid.

Mr Zhao gave the assurance before Mr Arafat left for North Korea after a three-day visit

The North Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, later reported that Mr Arafat had arrived in Pyongyang and was met at the airport by Mr Kang Sun San, the Prime Minister.

China, which does not have diplomatic relations with Israel, is one of the PLO's most long-term backers

The rising value of girl's best friend

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Paris fashions are changing. The Kremlin was well satisfied with the Soviet harvest last year. There is optimism in Hongkong about what happens when the lease runs out. Social problems are growing in Singapore.

These little gems of information are just some of the many facets of world events reflected in the Kempen, the diamond centre of Antwerp, world capital of the trade.

The latest report of the trade's ruling body, the Diamond High Council, draws attention to them as being among the reasons why turnover in a girl's best friend went up by 14 per cent last year.

A main reason seems to be that the revival of the American economy is getting down to the classes that can afford to buy diamonds worth less than $2,000 (£1,300), for the market in the United States has been rising steeply in this category.

For almost opposite reasons, it has been soaring in Israel. But, the report concludes, this is because increased political tension and hyperinflation have increased uncertainty. Traders are moving particularly into uncut stones as a preventive measure.

In France, the problem - for the trade at least - is the Government's tax and financial measures, which have had the effect of soaking up cash usually spent on diamond. As a result, fashionable Paris society avoids wearing fine and expensive jewelry.

This is not so in Britain, where the rough diamond trade has dropped by 45 per cent, which, the High Council concludes, must be due to the fact that De Beers is concentrating on quality goods.

In Hongkong, too, there had been a sharp drop in trade, but at the turn of the year things began to improve. The fear of big bankrupticies and an exodus to Singapore obviously began to fade and the trade began to pick up.

Singapore, however, failed to take off as a market, in part because migration from Hongkong dried up.

Singapore is also suffering from mounting social tension, which means there is less need for diamonds. Somewhat cryptically, the report says: "As a result of social tensions, it has endeavoured to curtail corruption somewhat."

One of Antwerp's main suppliers of polished stones is now India, which has overtaken the Soviet Union. The reason is that, while India has been concentrating on producing high-quality gems, the Russians, having enjoyed a good harvest, are not in need of so much hard foreign currency.

Russians resume one-way dialling

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The Russians have partly restored direct telephone dialling from West Europe to Moscow after a gap of nearly two years, but not from the Soviet Union to the West. A spokesman for the Central Moscow Telephone Exchange said yesterday that a handful of Moscow subscribers were able to dial directly to the West, but there was no prospect of this being extended.

Direct dialling was introduced on international lines from and to the Soviet Union shortly before the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980, when the Russians were under pressure to establish modern communications links with the Western world.

The move was never announced officially, however, and direct dial facilities from Moscow were withdrawn suddenly in July, 1982. Soviet officials said this was due to "technical repairs" which would last two years, and the current partial restoration of automatic telephone links seems to be related to this timetable. Dialling from the West to Russia lapsed in September, 1982.

Telephone callers in London, Paris and Vienna found last week that they could dial Moscow automatically again, though the Soviet authorities have still to confirm the facility officially. The situation has not changed for Moscow subscribers, on the other hand.

The continuing inconvenience for British businessmen in Moscow will be one of the topics raised by Mr Paul Channon, the Minister for Trade, when he arrives in Moscow on May 20 for a five day visit.

Western embassies have one or two lines for direct dialling, but not businessmen or journalists.

In an exception which adds confusion to an already tangled picture, West German businessmen in Moscow have been able to dial their companies in West Germany automatically for the past month.

"Either the Russians have got their wires crossed, or the confusion is deliberate", commented one West European diplomat. When direct dialling was abolished two years ago, EEC countries protested to the Kremlin that the move violated the Helsinki accords of 1975.

The most common explanation for the Soviet action was that the Russians found it difficult to monitor contacts with the West when modern technology was used, and that the Kremlin realized to its dismay that the system enabled Soviet dissidents to speak to the West (and to Soviet emigrés) with relative ease.

Bonn asks US to send Moscow signal

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, opened two-day talks here yesterday with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, on East-West relations, arms control issues, Nato and US-European Community problems.

Herr Genscher, who was to meet President Reagan later, is consulting about his Moscow visit on May 21 and 22 for talks with his Soviet counterpart, Mr Andrei Gromyko, a West German official here said.

The West German minister wants Nato to send a new signal to Moscow indicating continued readiness to hold constructive talks on improving relations. Such a signal could be formally endorsed by the Nato foreign ministers spring meeting here at the end of this month.

President Reagan, who has just returned from his first visit to China, has repeatedly called on Moscow to return to the separate intermediate range nuclear forces (INF) and strategic arms reduction talks (Start) in Geneva. The Soviet Union walked out of the INF negotiations last November when Nato began deployment of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe.



Mother and son: Sophia Loren and Edoardo, aged 11, who co-stars in her latest film *Qualcosa di biondo* (Something blond) now being shot in Sorrento, Italy.

Why India suddenly became the centre of drug traffic

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Quite suddenly, India has become the drug smuggling centre of the world. The Indian connexion now supplies high-grade heroin to drug dealers in London, in Europe – via Frankfurt – and in the United States, in ever-increasing quantities.

"Very few flights now leave Delhi for London or Frankfurt without some narcotics on board" Mr John King, the US Drug Enforcement Administration attaché in Delhi, said. "India has become a heroin smuggler's dream."

According to Mr King and other officials engaged in the nearly hopeless task of stopping this traffic, the ideal conditions for drug smuggling in India spring from the comparative cheapness of high-grade heroin; the lack of customs checking on departure; the lenience of sentences – the maximum penalty for heroin smuggling is three years' imprisonment – and the ease with which bail is granted.

In addition to the Indian gateways of Delhi and Bombay, the drug smugglers also use Katmandu and Colombo as part of their regular itinerary.

The south Indian routes have come into prominence because of a new toughness in Thailand and Hongkong in the East and the successes of a Pakistani crackdown and the Iran-Iraq war in the West. The traditional smuggling routes have been disrupted and the trade squeezed into the centre.

The Indian connexion begins in Calcutta, where many perfectly legitimate chemical companies manufacture the compounds known as precursor chemicals, used for manufacture of heroin from opium. The chemicals move over the border from Manipur and Mizoram into Burma and from there into the hands of the insurgent armies in Shan province, which run processing plants in the south, near the Thai border.

Until recently, processed heroin was smuggled into Thailand and reached the West via Bangkok. The Thai Army has joined police in stamping out this trade and smugglers have been turning to other routes.

They reason that if material can be smuggled in from Calcutta, it can perfectly well be smuggled the other way, and it is now estimated that 45 to 90lb a week of the best injectible heroin has been coming into the country by this route for the past five months.

New routes into Bombay are opening up from the opium fields and heroin processing plants in southern Afghanistan and around the Khyber Pass in the North-West Frontier province of Pakistan, the traditional route through Iran and Iraq having been closed by hostilities. The smugglers have been sending their product into India via Lahore and Amritsar. This has also become too hazardous since the increase of tension in Punjab.

New routes have accordingly been opened into Rajasthan, particularly through Jaisalmer, and through the mysterious misty swamplands of the Rann of Kutch, during the last two months.

The normal Pakistani outlet through Karachi still operates, but has been cut down by more insistent action by the Pakistani authorities, with the cooperation of US authorities.

"Any sailor, tourist, hitchhiker, or businessman who offers to buy your heroin in Pakistan now is likely to be an undercover agent for the US drug enforcement people," a smuggler was reported as sorrowfully complaining.

From Delhi or Bombay the drugs headed for the British market go via Heathrow to Southall, London, where British Drug Squad detectives have recently reported a huge increase in the amount of heroin for sale.

Britain threatened by flood of heroin

By Stewart Tendler

From being a major European entrepôt for heroin, Britain has become a major consumer. Among the main reasons for this was the influx of Iranians after the revolution who brought their wealth with them as heroin.

They were followed by people from the producer areas, mainly in the Pakistan border regions, who brought large amounts of very cheap heroin at a time when the British market was suffering a shortage of cannabis after successful customs operations.

Users began trying heroin for want of other drugs. Taken either by smoking or sniffing, the heroin was considered, wrongly, to be non-addictive compared with the Western method of intravenous injection.

The Pakistanis were amateurs in the Western drug market and at times dumped large amounts on to the market in Britain at extremely low prices. They found a clientèle, often young, which is now established in every main British city

The Pakistanis account for an estimated 80 per cent of all the heroin seized in Britain, compared with a 20 per cent share of total European seizures

Heroin used to be smuggled in mainly among other cargo; hidden inside lorries travelling with sealed containers, or on board ships. Now many consignments are carried by couriers, largely via Heathrow airport hidden in waistcoats, underwear, or in special belts. Some couriers have swalllowed contraceptives containing the drug, which would be excreted later. Suitcases with false bottoms or hidden pockets are also used.

Suppliers often send their couriers into Britain by circuitous routes, through other European airports to avoid the extra customs scrutiny given to passengers arriving from India and Pakistan.

The low risks and potentially high profits have begun to attract professional criminals anxious to "invest". One group of bank robbers recently questioned by police admitted their aim was to build up a stake to enter the drugs business.

The present street price of heroin is put at between £50 and £80 a gramme in London. The drug is somewhere between 45 to 60 per cent pure. It is often adulterated with lactose, but it is still sold with a high heroin content, indicating that a constant supply is available to the smuggler and dealer.

Some indication of profits which can be made is shown by the price rise as the heroin moves westwards. At source it could be bought for £1,000 a kilogram (2.2lb). By the time it enters Britain it is worth £20,000 to £25,000. On the street the value will have risen to £100,000 or more.

The amount being produced is not known, but between 1979 and 1983 customs officials seized a total of 549 kilograms. At current street prices that would be worth at least £54m.

Prince found dead in Seine

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The body of Prince Edouard-Xavier de Lobkowicz, who was related to the Bourbon-Parma pretenders to the Spanish throne, has been found washed up on the banks of the Seine outside Paris with shotgun wounds in the throat and chest. The Prince, aged 23, had been missing since April 4.

The Prince's family initially described his death as "accidental", but police are treating it as murder. The motive remains unknown, although there is talk of the family's connexion with charitable organizations in Lebanon, and of Bourbon-Parma involvement in international arms deals.

Prince Edouard-Xavier was the eldest son of Prince Edouard de Lobkowicz, a descendant of the Czech aristocratic family and wealthy head of New York stockbrokers Stralem and Co.

The young prince kept well out of the public eye, rarely being seen at the grand *soirees* of Parisian high society. He was last seen leaving the family flat in Avenue Marceau in the fashionable eighth *arrondissement* of Paris, simply saying that he had a "rendezvous".

His car was found about two weeks later parked at the Gare de Lyon. His body, weighed down with a breeze-block, was found at the end of April at the confluence of the Seine and Marne at Ivry. It was formally identified last Saturday.

Prince Edouard-Xavier was descended on his mother's side from Louis XIV. Louis' grandson, the Duke of Anjou, became King of Spain as Philip V. One of his sons founded the Bourbon-Parma family, whose senior branch are pretenders to the Spanish throne.

Shopkeepers of Calais furious

Paris – The shopkeepers and restaurateurs of Calais are up in arms about France's decision to ban the entry of British tourists without passports (Diana Geddis writes).

The Government had taken a sledgehammer to crack a nut, M Henri Ravisse, head of the Calais Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday.

The decision was out of all proportion to the risk of illegal immigration and would have "serious consequences" for the whole of the Pas de Calais coast, M Ravisse said.

Policeman dies in football riot

Madrid. – An off-duty policeman was killed when hit on the head by a stone as he tried to break up a fight among spectators at a minor league football match in Córdoba at the weekend.

On the same day – Saturday – the King's Cup final in Madrid ended with two players being carried off on stretchers and more than 60 spectators being treated in hospital.

Faction fight

Durban, (Reuter) – Fifteen Africans were hacked and shot to death in tribal faction fighting during the weekend in the Umbumbulo district, about 20 miles south of Durban.

35 electrocuted

Delhi (AP) – Thirty-five passengers were electrocuted when an overcrowded intercity bus carrying old bicycles on its roof came in contact with roadside electricity wires, the Uttar Pradesh state police said.

Card control

Peking (AFP) – China is to introduce identity cards for all over 16 to have tighter control over the population and make administrative procedures easier, the *People's Daily* said.

Cold dip

The British Arctic explorer, David Hempleman-Adams, aged 27, has survived a potentially fatal fall through the ice near the magnetic North Pole.

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THE ARTS

The great Russian director Yuri Lyubimov is no stranger to controversy and hostility – both of which, in generous measure, have surrounded his production of Verdi's *Rigoletto* for the Maggio Musicale at the Teatro Comunale in Florence: John Higgins reviews his success and failure

Operatic swings and roundabouts

Life around the stage director Yuri Lyubimov is rarely dull. His production of *Rigoletto* which opened the 47th Maggio Musicale at the weekend generated columns of newsprint long before the ominous opening chords of Verdi's opera were heard at the Teatro Comunale. The comings and goings of singers and conductors, whose views did not always coincide with those of the former administrator of the Taganka, made the Comunale look more like Clapham Junction than an opera house.

The first to depart, early in the year, probably through no fault of Lyubimov's, was the announced conductor, Giuseppe Sinopoli. Then a week ago Piero Cappuccilli, the Rigoletto, declared that he did not like the staging and suggested instead a concert performance. The proposal was promptly and understandably rejected by Luciano Berio, the new director of the Maggio who has been called in to restore glamour and prestige to a festival which has recently lost some of the lustre of yesteryear.

So out went Cappuccilli and, in sympathy with him, Sinopoli's replacement, Bruno Bartoletti. Franco Zeffirelli from the sidelines declared himself in favour of Cappuccilli's action and the Italian baritone, with three hundred or so Rigolettos under his belt, had little to lose from missing a few more.

The first new arrival was Tony Salvadori from Venice, but he did not stay long and went back from whence he came. Edita Gruberova, the Gilda, after some emotional scenes in the theatre, agreed to stay, but she was only going to sing the first three performances. Georg Tichy was brought in from Vienna, at her suggestion, for Rigoletto while Berio had secured Hans Graf, son of Herbert Graf, former *Intendant* at Zurich, as conductor. No controversy appeared to surround the Duca, Peter Dvorsky.

Such was the background to the Florence *Rigoletto*, which had respectable middle-aged ladies thumping on the doors of the Comunale half an hour before the curtain was due to go up, demanding admittance. Those who made it inside found, inevitably, that the curtain was up already and they got an immediate idea of what all the fuss was about.

The stage of the Comunale had been turned into a kind of arena with, on the banked tiers, dummies scattered around, some of which were dressed in recognizable costume: Don Giovanni, Carmen, Don Quichotte, Pagliaccio . . . It was a little like a haunted ballroom from a Diaghilev exhibition, except that the characters were strictly operatic, apart from Hitler and Charlie Chaplin placed side by side. It could have been, too, a Greek amphitheatre, except that Lyubimov's designer from Britain, Stefanos Lazarides, had created a series of very un-Grecian catwalks, platforms and ramps and a spiral stairway.

Stranger things have been seen in the opera houses of Germany, France and even Cardiff, but the performance began in a spirit of high tension and the booing, predictably, started a few minutes into the score when Tichy went flat, possibly under the baleful curse of Monterone (Franco de Grandis). However, Graf kept his head in the pit, probably knowing that once Gruberova appeared the audience would quieten. That indeed it did. And the performance continued when there were those who, presumably, hoped it would not.

Through the gloom – and the Comunale's lighting was none too helpful – it emerged that Lyubimov was trying to say something about the relationship between dictators and clowns. It is a subject on which Lyubimov, a public entertainer all too often at the mercy of those above, is fairly expert. His Rigoletto at court wears the dunce's cap and the red nose: to go home he puts on Chaplin's bowler and long overcoat and adopts a Chaplin walk.

Georg Tichy, whose rehearsal time must have been strictly limited, manages part of this concept and he addressed the Act II condemnation, "Cortigiani, vil razza", directly to the audience, making it quite clear who supports the dictators. Tichy's baritone grew better with the evening, though the top of the voice sounded thin and he was obviously saving himself in the quartet.

Where he fails, and where Lyubimov fails, is in the relationship between father and daughter which provides the very core of Verdi's opera. Tichy's young, open face and wavy hair – a little like that of Hermann Prey at the start of his career – made him an impossible papa for Edita Gruberova's Gilda.

Lyubimov provides her with an omnipresent swing, a symbol of girlish innocence and a vehicle for "Caro nome", which Mme Gruberova sang to perfection with marvellous trills and pure *fil di voce* as she was wafted upstairs to bed and to abduction. The swing is used in the next act to thump Rigoletto in the rump as he is searching for his missing daughter and again in the last act by Sparfucile (the excellent Kurt Rydl, dressed in torturer's black leather) as he hauls it across stage with a boathook – he does after all live by the River Mincio – to use as a receptacle for Gilda's dying body. Swings or no swings, Gruberova made it quite clear that she is now the world's leading Gilda, and someone had better start recording her.

Peter Dvorsky plays the Duca as a straightforward tyrant. It is a familiar role for him and he sings it with big, beefy tone and not a great deal of finesse, although the Act II "Parmi veder" was admirable. An attempted and unsuccessful decoration at the end of "La donna è mobile" brought a storm of whistles and Dvorsky replied to his detractors by hanging on to his final note for a defiant eternity.

How far Lyubimov equates him with the dummy of Don Giovanni at the side of the stage has to be guessed at, but three masked figures in black – the *tre maschere* of Mozart's opera? – descend at Gilda's death.

Hans Graf in the circumstances proved a most cool and capable conductor, although it was not clear why the final act began with a clock striking in the distance: that comes later.

Lyubimov provides a few insights, a few impressive stage pictures such as the bank of illuminated candles held by the dummies during "Caro nome" – an echo of his much more assured *Boris* for La Scala. But he makes rather more mistakes and is constantly unsympathetic towards his principals, having them charge up and down stairs and ramps when they should be conserving their energies to sing, which happens to be their principal occupation. The main memory of this *Rigoletto* will be of Gruberova on her swing singing "Caro nome". And it is a *Rigoletto* of swings and roundabouts, gains and losses.

The action continued after the music had finished. Lyubimov refused to take a curtain call on stage. The audience bayed "RE-GIS-TA!". A spotlight eventually picked him out in the circle and the whistles, catcalls and cheers started all over again. Lyubimov made some gestures towards the audience which were better lit and more comprehensible than some of those on stage. Some time before midnight there was another outburst from the street below my hotel window in the direction of the Comunale. It sounded as though Lyubimov was leaving the theatre.



Gilda pre-eminent: Edita Gruberova

Concerts

RPO/Kamu
Festival Hall

Where Russia and France meet in Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Mussorgsky/Ravel, few conductors can be better relied on than Okko Kamu to draw out their complementary astringent self-awareness and seduction of manner. Recently appointed principal guest conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Mr Kamu, from Finland, has a razor-sharp ear for both minutiae of instrumental colour and precise tone of voice; and his messages, whether of restraint or of unashamed exhibitionism, are dispatched with lightning speed.

The Royal Philharmonic was on its finest form on Sunday night to deliver them with tingling immediacy in Prokofiev's *Symphonie classique*. They would deliciously understate and thereby sharpen the skittish dynamic contrasts of its opening, only to tussle with every hard-worked strand of rhythmic counterpoint, within tempi cunningly slow and poised enough to be truly lively.

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, with Boris Belkin as soloist, was what Berlioz would have called a caprice written with the point of a needle. It was refreshing and exciting to hear such a weightless, translucent orchestral opening, to find it caught up in the near-whimsical shading of the fine-drawn solo line, and then to enjoy the solo clarinet's knowing replies to the sour-sweet voice of the violin in the slow movement. And the cadenza was a delightful miniature of the first movement, a fragile personal fantasy, at once selfconscious and delicately unpredictable.

But both Mr Belkin and Mr Kamu can become intoxicated by their very dexterity of manner to the point where mannerism lurks close. And despite much that was exquisitely beautiful in the slow movement (the flute's asides, the violin's gradual isolation), there were edges of over-indulgence which ultimately distracted attention, and later led to an initially compelling but overdared finale.

The promenade around Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* was a pretty brisk affair, with rather more attention to close, obvious detail than to the evoked responses, as it were, of the viewer. A certain lack of breathing-space tended to lessen a sense of wonder in transformation as the work progressed. But this was none the less an unusually vivid, carefully imagined performance with weight and scuttling movement balanced nicely in playing of both individual and corporate excellence.

Hilary Finch

Philharmonia/Berglund
Festival Hall

It takes more than technique to find musical convictions amid the rodomontade of Liszt's piano concertos, and André Watts was able to illuminate the thought as well as the nifty passage-work in his account of the A major Concerto at the Philharmonia Orchestra's concert on Sunday afternoon. With support from Paavo Berglund's conducting in keeping a spirited performance from becoming too extragavant, the pianist skilfully added sense to sensibility.

His pedalling was not always helpful to the Lisztian spread of harmony in the dry acoustic of the hall, but his keen ear for rhythmic impetus, and his feeling for *rubato* as an expressive element in his phrasing, helped to sustain the composer's intentions, even when they keep on travelling hopefully in order to delay their arrival. Best of all was the filigree fingerwork in decorative passages, and the overall firmness that kept the final section from vulgarity.

There were moments when the orchestra and pianist did not precisely come together, and some tattered chording also marred the detail of a grave and serious-minded performance of the First Symphony of Brahms after the interval. The conductor thrust the opening movement into a trough of despair midway through its development, perhaps to increase the subsequent sense of struggle it conveyed.

His relaxed treatment of the following Andante almost lost its momentum, and some instrumental lines (such as the nicely played violin and horn solos) were not best balanced with the rest of the texture. The third movement had a cumulative interest, however, and the finale transformed its initial tension and sombre character into a radiant assertion of confidence in the outcome.

A serious intent was also evident in the incisive string playing of Bartok that began the programme, transforming the *Divertimento* of the title into something more symphonic in purpose. With the violas on the conductor's right seated outside the cellos, there was a compelling sonority and linear strength of string texture, in which the music's contrast of solo and tutti passages acquired an almost dramatic effect, and the brooding slow movement had a vivid intensity.

Noel Goodwin

Dance

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet's new programme, first given on Saturday night, is based entirely on French music of this century, but, since that fact (which could be a useful selling point) is not mentioned in their advertising, I suppose it might be a coincidence.

There are, I think, not many chances to hear the music of Charles Koechlin, used for *Shadowplay*, and there are few opportunities in the programmes of the two Royal Ballet companies to see the ballets that Antony Tudor created or staged for them, even though he ranks second only to Ashton (and well above all competition) in the hagiarchy of British choreographers.

So the present revival of *Shadowplay* is welcome, even if one might think that its theme of a boy growing up and learning how to face life might be better conveyed by casting it from lower down the ranks than Wayne Eagling, Merle Park and Derek Rencher.

We owe the creation of *Shadowplay* and the survival of *Les Biches* to Ashton's imaginative directorship of the company during the Sixties. Nijinska's cynical comedy to Poulenc's score is always fun to see, although here again the casting needs a less traditionalist approach and the production has lost most of its subtlety.

Barry Wordsworth's conducting secured acceptable accounts of those two works, but the best musical performance of the evening was the Poulenc *Gloria* with Joan Rodgers as the soprano soloist. The ballet which Kenneth MacMillan made to that score in 1980 is, together with *My Brother, My Sisters* of the same year, choreographically far more inventive than anything he has done for some years before or since.

Wayne Eagling dances the leading part with power and conviction, and Jennifer Penney gives the right sense of lost beauty to her role, eloquently partnered by Julian Hosking. Andy Klunder's designs are stunning.

John Percival

Television

A strange sort of optimism

Pursuing its admirable policy of bringing minority entertainments to the wider world, Channel 4 broadcast last night one of the most acclaimed black films ever made in this country. Menelik Shabazz, who wrote and directed **Burning an Illusion**, regards this as an optimistic portrayal of a black girl's radicalization through her encounters with white prejudice and with the carelessly macho attitudes common to many black males.

It is indeed well acted (its stars are now household faces in a variety of series) but is it *really* optimistic? Set aside the comic-strip dialogue ("What was I to do? I knew only I could decide!"), ignore the teen magazine situations (the blackness acts as armour against unsentimental appraisal) and consider the moral: racial separatism is the road to survival. Britons, whether black, white, brown or yellow, need this message like they need a hole in the head.

Horizon (BBC2) was hardly optimistic. The subject of *The Malvern Link* was our seemingly uncontrollable scientific-military-industrial complex, and the extent to which secrecy precludes either accountability or, so far, any major spin-offs for civilian life. The onset of the Falklands war apparently stymied the one really promising back-bench Parliamentary attempt to open up this byzantine world.

The programme kept posing questions which it left unanswered, and it was not easy to tell how serious its allegations were, but one man at least did not mince his words. Tony Wilson, a "systems reliability engineer" who had worked for four years on the nuclear warhead for the Polaris missile, claimed that its cost had gone 20 times over budget, and that the decision-making process was a mess. Another much-vaunted nuclear battlefield system, he said, was "over-stressed" and would tend to fail even during exercises.

The Malvern Link itself is apparently a new convergence between military and civil science over what were called "fifth generation" computer projects. We heard about laser range-finders, and we were shown some pretty pictures of "thermal imaging", by which warm objects like people can be filmed through thick smoke.

The bits that worked best as "television" were of course the promotional set-pieces: a fresh-faced, diffident lad fiddling with a little box to fire a sea-to-air missile, and a gung-ho salesman from the Ministry of Defence: "With its high lethality and low cost we feel we're on to a world-winner!" But an official answer to Mr Wilson would have been more interesting.

Michael Church

Galleries

Bloodshot view of the world

Simon Edmondson
Nicola Jacobs

Andrzej Jackowski
Anne Berthoud

Works on Paper
Paton

English Expressionists
Warwick Arts Trust

Michael Porter
Birksted

Stephen Cox
Nigel Greenwood

Nicholas Pope
Waddington

Bill Gibb
Roughs

The definite article can cause a lot of unnecessary argument. "A New Spirit in Painting", the organizers of the Royal Academy's 1981 exhibition circumspectly entitled their survey, thus in theory evading the question of whether what they pinpointed was the one and only. The giant signpost exhibition devised by the same team in Berlin the following year was a bit bolder, since it is arguable whether more than one *Zeitgeist* is possible in any given age. But, in either case, the controversry has raged, not over the existence of the spirit celebrated, a neo-Expressionist spirit of violence and dark, tortured emotion in painting today, but over its claims to be representative, the only way that painters in the 1980s can or should look at the world around them.

Notwithstanding, there is no doubt that many of the younger painters in Britain today do seem to look at the world through jaundiced or bloodshot eyes. One may, for instance, not be quite sure what is going on in any of **Simon Edmondson's** large paintings with noncommittal titles at Nicola Jacobs in Cork Street until June 2, but there can be little doubt that it is usually 'something unpleasant. The tonality is generally dark, the forms that disengage themselves from the gloom are generally human (more or less), and the action is violent: figures locked in conflict, splashes of red that might be blood (and anyway immediately evokes blood) or splotches of sulphurous yellow all go to make up a Dantesque vision only occasionally modulating into the relative calm of *Alternatives*, a monumental and for once reposeful female figure looming over a city spread out below. Not very likable, any of it, but the signals of distress come across loud and clear.

A similar sense of mystery pervades the canvases of **Andrzej Jackowski**, at Anne Berthoud in Langley Court until June 2, but here the effect is magical and dreamlike rather than gloomy. If Edmondson lines himself up with the German section of the *Zeitgeist* group, Jackowski (who despite his name was born in Wales and educated in England) has more in common with Italians such as Chia, though with an image like *The Fir Tree* – a sleeping figure under a fairy-tale tree, alone in an extensive landscape – one may well be reminded of something as local and eccentric as David Jones's Arthurian drawings. The suggestions of dream and the dreamer recur even more prominently in works like *Love's Journeys* (smaller, mixed-media pieces on paper) or the haunting large *Downfalling*, in which it appears to be the snow that is falling while a man floats sleepily through the air and a seated woman watches unsurprised. Equally memorable is *Diving into the Wreck*, in which a man up to his shoulders in the dark water pushes or pulls an empty boat through the reeds. If the painting sounds literary, that is not finally its effect on the spot: Jackowski makes his effects through a most delicate and precise control of colour and composition, so that one responds to the paintings in what Wordsworth might call a wise passiveness, vaguely interested to know what the subject-matter means to the artist, but perfectly content not to be specifically informed.

Next door, at the Paton Gallery, four artists are showing **Works on Paper** until May 26, three of them at least clearly related to these currrent trends. "Works on paper" gives a slightly misleading impression, since most of them are quite large and painterly and, where John Monks and Philip Stevens are concerned, intensely coloured. Monks is the closest in effect to the *Zeitgeist* painters – rather surprisingly when one remembers the calm and classically detailed Egyptian heads in his last show, a couple of which are still visible. This time the two most striking pieces are *Untitled Drawings* which feature an old-fashioned electric fan against a turbulent background of rich and subtly differentiated colour, making the artist's recent interest in Monet waterlilies entirely comprehensible. Chris Baker's work is closer to abstraction, though in a piece like *Echo 1*, without being exactly sure what the figurative base is, one can recognize gaps opening on mysterious perspectives, and in *Curtain 1* and *2* there is unmistakable evidence of something slightly ajar through which a sliver of cold white light escapes. These landscape-based abstractions exude a philosophical calm; in Stevens's there are all sorts of movement – sometimes, perhaps, the slow movement of water down a subterranean rock formation, sometimes the lightning-illuminated drama of a stormy landscape, but always infused with strong emotion.

This slightly odd combination of New Spirit drama, even anguish, with the local British tradition of 1950s landscape-based abstraction (the soft-spoken British answer to American Abstract Expressionism) recurs elsewhere. It is to be seen, for instance, in several of the painters showing in the Warwick Arts Trust's lively show of **English Expressionists** (33 Warwick Square, until June 10), which ranges from such grand and famous artists as John Hoyland and Gillian Ayres, though a number of less-established figures like Terry Setch, Mali Morris and Albert Irwin – whom Hoyland featured in his memorable 1980 Hayward Annual where this particular line of continuity was first highlighted – to several whose first showing this is. And **Michael Porter**, at the Birksted Gallery in Great Russell Street until June 9, offers a distinguished variation on the same with his dramatically splashed and scraped and physically if not emotionally distressed evocations of Derbyshire moors, Cornish coasts, and mountains in the Pyrenees, which, as the catalogue note aptly phrases it, the paintings are "about" rather than of.



Powerful suggestions of dream and the dreamer: Jackowski's haunting *Downfalling*

The inability of British artists to escape the landscape tradition (even supposing that they wanted to) is indicated vividly in two current shows of sculpture in London, both vitally connected with new sculptures I was writing about last week from Liverpool's Garden Festival. At Nigel Greenwood, 41 Sloane Gardens, we can until June 1 trace the evolution of **Stephen Cox's** splendid *Palanzana*, from scribbles of seed-shapes to drawings of an evidently man-made ball overgrown by a plant of some kind, and so on to larger and larger versions of the finished design tried out in different stones, starting with a tiny Portland version then growing in Peperino, Travertine and finally, most intriguingly, Calecata marble with the ball highly polished and the rest left rough: an extraordinary insight into the sculptor's creative imagination.

Natural forms of plant and bone and boulder are even more evidently at the root of Nicholas **Pope's** series of *Unknown Landscapes* on show at Waddington, 34 Cork Street, until May 26. These include a wooden maquette for the stone sculpture (number three of the series) now in Liverpool, and I do not think it is merely pantheistic sentimentality which makes it seem more right and moving in the organic material. The others evoke ancient mysteries – the landscape is surely somewhere in our own primeval past rather than in some intergalactic future – and the assemblage of several in the one gallery makes one long to see the whole series set up together in the open air, like a new Avebury.

It must seem an unlikely comparison, but another set of maquettes on view at the moment, the series of designs by **Bill Gibb** for clothes of the last 15 years being exhibited at the new Roughs gallery, 42 Windmill Street, until May 26, fits in surprisingly well with the preoccupations of these sculptors: the same ordering and conventionalization of natural shapes to fit in with an overall architectural concept, the same spidery yet immediately telling line as that with which Stephen Cox gives first visible form to his imaginings. The clothes, all carefully dated, have a finely timeless quality and must be a pleasure to wear; the drawings have a strength and independence of effect which would make them a delight to possess.

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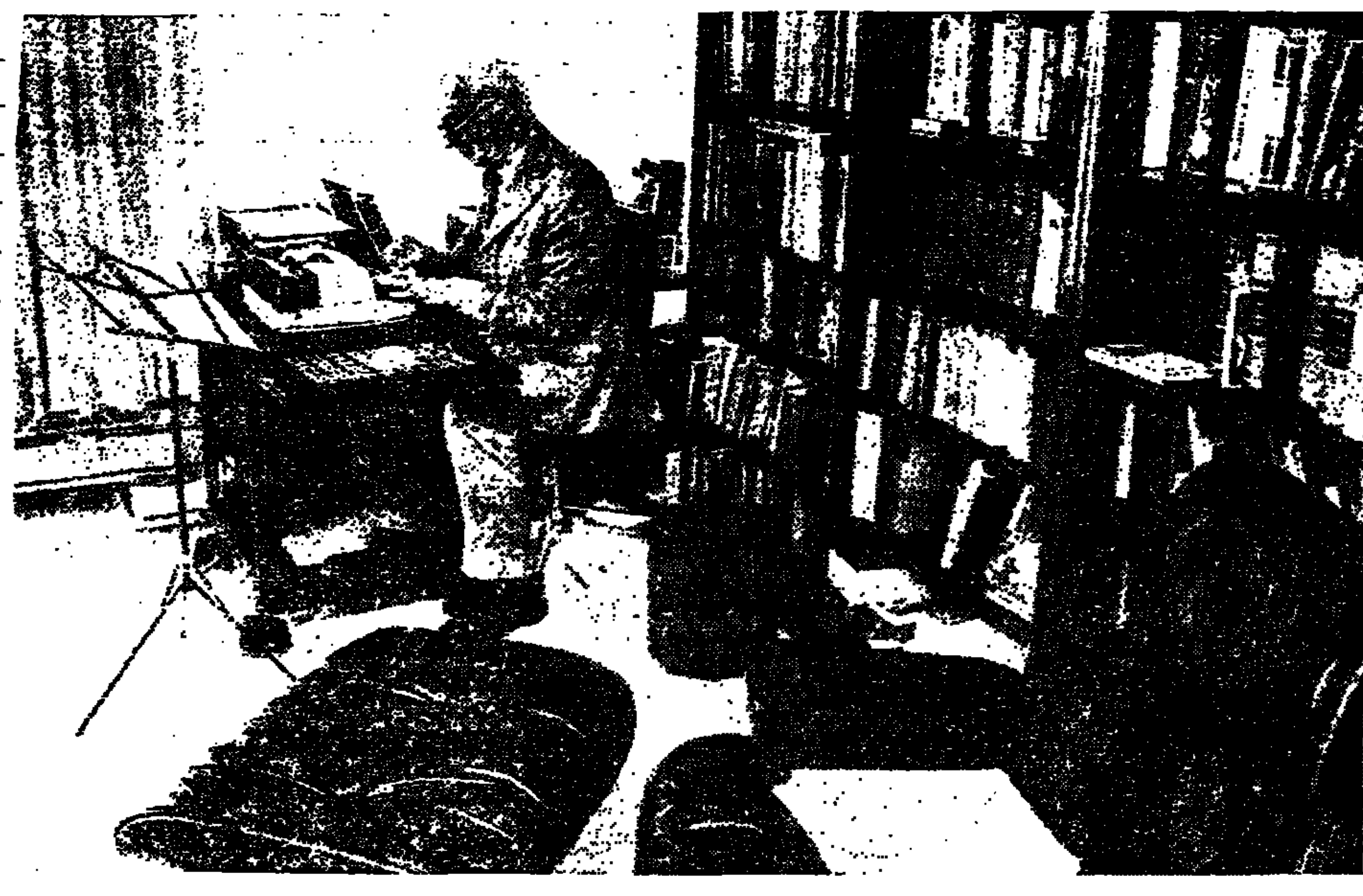
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'How could I be anything but a dissenter?' asks Saul Bellow, whose latest collection of stories has just appeared in America. Interview by D. J. R. Bruckner



Bellow at work and at peace with himself in his book-lined lakeside apartment

The stories Saul Bellow has been writing rencently, collected in *Him With His Foot in His Mouth and Other Stories*, to be published next month, are marked by such personal feeling and most of them by such good humour and lightness of mood that one wonders what is going on with Bellow. Ask him and you get an answer.

"All my axes are hanging on the wall now, unground", he says, "and I have no urge to take them down. I seem to be going through some sort of change. I don't know what it is. The mood is lighter, more at ease. I suppose I am getting rid of the melioristic and reforming side of myself. Like many American writers I was always pulling for something. I wanted to add my mite to the general improvement fund. But I am much less concerned now. I have done my duty by democracy."

If there is a change in Bellow's mood and direction, there is nothing casual about it. He can laughingly say that "all my writing life I have been trying to shed responsibility". But if one points to the emotional distance between the new stories and the sombre anger of his last novel, *The Dean's December*, published in 1982, he says "that was a *cri de coeur*. I just could no longer stand the fact that the city and the country were in decay under our very eyes and people would not talk about the facts. They might talk about money to change things, but never about what was actually happening.

"No one levels more. So it was a cry. But I don't know whether anyone heard it."

Memories of more than 60 years

The stories in the new collection – four of the five were written in the last few years – contain more affectionate portraits of characters drawn from friends of a lifetime and reflect memories of more than 60 years. In most of his fiction Bellow has drawn, to an extent, on real people, but enough of the characters in these new stories are fairly disguised and his feelings about them are so palpable that one can get the impression the volume contains the hint of an autobiography. About the title story, which is full of jokes, he says: "I wanted to laugh."

There is a lot of laughter in the man now. It is almost as if looking back six decades – he will be 69 in June – has made it easier for him to look ahead, eager to dissent from whatever prevailing opinion comes to his attention. If he has given up trying to improve the world, what will be left? "I don't know", he replies, "but I am about to find to in the last decade of my life. I won't put an 's' on that." Then he grins and says: "Just say I have put off my halo and given up my studio."

Not quite. The real studio is a room 13 floors above Lake Michigan at the east end of the long apartment that could give one a fit of geometric hallucination. In the 1970s Bellow and his wife, Alexandra, who teaches mathematics at Northwestern University, bought two apartments in the brick high-rise on Chicago's North Side and cut a door into the wall separating them.

Writing remains a morning occupation, except on Saturdays, and is done in a room facing the lake, which floods reflected light into it through glass doors opening on to a balcony. In that room on a Saturday morning Bellow, in blue jeans and a maroon sweater, can look as much at peace with himself as he says he is.

He is not going to let his peace surpass understanding. Axes aside, he has kept his whip supple to sting critics, politicians, scholars, writers, anyone who doesn't think for himself. What annoys Bellow is anyone's denial of his right to discriminate on his own. "How could be I be anything but a dissenter?" he asks. "Who wants the opinion of a group? I've always been proud of being non-factional.

"I have ideas about what has to happen if there's to be great writing", he says, and it is clear from his conversation that those ideas concern independence of mind. "We have no thought control yet, but we do have received opinion. It comes from universities, journalism, television, psychiatry, among other places. It is self-perpetuating and writers increasingly are writing from it.

"So what are Americans being told? Every American thinks he has a right to the best of everything. That includes the best opinions which are obviously those of the best people.

"So you see how received opinion works. The situation is comic but, as in all good comedy, the obverse side is grim; there is a lot of cant. It all makes a man unhappy – but also glad to be in Chicago. Who would not prefer the vulgarity of Chicago to the finesse of the East Coast literary establishment? You have to count your blessings, you know."

One thing that keeps him in Chicago is his teaching in the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago, where he has been a professor for 21 years. Retirement from teaching is something he thinks about with discomfort. "I suppose I will, someday. I don't know when. It's such an exceptionally good group to talk to. Bellow is not a man about town, but he does get around, and his knowledge of Chicago on many levels, from society and the arts to some fairly shadowy figures, is immense.

In *Cousins*, the last story in the new book and the one Bellow finished most recently, his narrator, Ijah Brodsky, is busy helping out relatives. Most of them are ordinary people, but one is a convicted Mafia outrider. Ijah sees his efforts on behalf of a noble and defeated cousin come to an almost operatic triumph when he suddenly feels weak in the knees and has to agree to be held up by a young woman. Bellow is moved by the ending of his own story. "He doesn't know his own weakness while he goes on observing others", he says: "Maybe that is what happens to one."

But most of the figures in that story of family life through several generations reflect a very different group – some members of Bellow's own family, a few people he has known and liked who are not related, at least one he has only read about in newspapers and a few who are, he says, "pure inventions". He says he wrote *Cousins* "on sheer impulse. It represents the active emotional life of many years, memories you can't extirpate. Of course, if you're looking at life, a family is said to mean something, something that lasts." But the impluse to write it, a story filled with strong, unmasked personal feelings, was metaphysical, not sentimental.

In real life, he tends to shield his family from public attention. One can know him a long time without being aware of what a large group of relatives he keeps in touch with

They are a long-lived lot and even those still around Chicago include at least five generations, beginning with one cousin who persuaded Bellow's parents to move to Chicago from Canada in the early 1920s, when Bellow was a child. The cousin lives not far from Bellow now.

Anyone who has seen him around some of his relatives knows how powerful the "active emotional life" in his story is, and how real. Through the 40 years since his first novel, *Dangling Man*, was published, many of them, including his older sister and two older brothers, have found traces of themselves in stories. He has never written about his own children, he says, "but I did put a couple of my wives in different books, always observing the obligation to be very humane." He has had four wives.

Faded images from a past Russia

Bellow doesn't enjoy talking about his religion, but on a quiet Sunday morning the temptation to ask is too strong to resist. "Look here", he says, "I am not sure I want you writing about my religion!" But then he takes from an album several old pictures that lie between the cover and the first page. The pictures, he says, answer a lot of questions.

In a faded image from nineteenth-century Russia, his mother's father, a biblical scholar with long curls and a beard, looks out with eyes that are exactly Bellow's. His father and some business associates appear in an early twentieth-century photograph in St Petersburg. A post-First World War photograph taken in Lachine, Quebec, where Bellow was born, shows his parents, his brothers and sister and a small Saul Bellow with almost twice as much hair as head.

Then the family appears again in a 1920s Chicago photograph. In the four pictures you can almost see an ancient style disappearing while the original imprint remains.

Bellow studied Hebrew before he started school and could read the Hebrew scriptures before he was seven. "I still do", he says.

"The religious feeling was very strong in me when I was young and it has persisted. I would never describe myself as an atheist or agnostic; I always thought those were terms for a pathological state and that people who don't believe in God have something wrong with them. Just say I am a religious man in a retarded condition and the only way I can square myself is to write."

In any long conversation with Bellow, you begin to hear familiar patterns, as though he is rehearsing parts of stories. "The American style comes from speech", he says. "Often I read a British novel and I cannot hear any voice; it's bothersome." The remark points up what he said later, about his own plans. After *Herzog* was published, W.H. Auden asked him: "Don't you think it might be too well written?"

"In my manner I've thought about that for about 20 years and he might have been right", Bellow says. "Maybe fine writing doesn't work any more; the material just doesn't suit the mandarin treatment. And I have learnt other things. Now I put off writing until I've got a clear idea of the whole piece. I used to start writing and then sometimes find I'd gone off into outer space."

He is working now on three or four shorter pieces that he calls "very experimental and possibly not for publication, and then I can go back to length again".

But he is quick to make sure you do not think he is talking about what some young writers call experimental writing. "To me writing about writing is just a hobby, like raising Brahma bulls. I'm not going to do that." By experimental he means substantially different. "I can't do the same thing over and over as most writers do", he says, and, with a reference to city in Michigan where the headquarters of the Kellogg cereal company is located, adds: "It seems to me most writers are on the Battle Creek system. I'm not."

Balm for the broken

A Danish charity has begun the tender task of bringing peace to torture victims

In a world with an estimated one million political prisoners, torture is a major growth industry. In its latest report on the subject Amnesty International claims that the governments of more than 100 nations, or two thirds of all countries, practise torture. A significant start to alleviating the oldest form of political repression was formally launched in Copenhagen on Saturday with the opening of new premises by the International Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT), it is the first establishment of its kind in the world.

An independent charity, backed by voluntary donations from foundations, refuge organizations and the United Nations, RCT has now completed a two-year preliminary establishment phase and has budgeted £360,000 for a new expanded outpatient operation this year. Some £200,000 of RCT's annual running costs has been guaranteed by the Danish government until 1987.

The establishment of the centre is a direct result of pioneering studies into torture and its after-effects initiated by a group of Danish doctors under the aegis of Amnesty International in 1974. The leader of that Amnesty group, Dr Inge Kemp Genefke, a 45-year-old neurologist, heads the team of Danish doctors at the centre helping torture victims and their families to overcome their physical and mental agonies, with assistance from the adjacent University of Copenhagen Hospital.

Last year 40 torture victims were treated mainly from Chile, Uruguay and Argentina.

Dr Genefke's team comprises 12 full-time staff including doctors, psychologists, a physiotherapist, an X-ray specialist and one legal administrator; otherwise the centre relies on voluntary sparetime help from some 100 doctors, nurses and interpreters. The waiting list of torture victims always runs to about 30 names. The newly opened centre hopes to treat 75 victims this year.



Merciful medic: Dr Genefke

A typical treatment is outpatient physio and psychotherapeutical, and lasts five months. As the so-called post-torture syndrome has been found to be of a largely mental nature, much of the treatment centres on relaxing baths and long conversations designed to induce patients to remember, relate and "relive" their experiences in the torture chamber, banishing their feelings of humiliation by a process of catharsis.

At the same time the team tries to obtain information about the victims' families and help any members who have problems. Frequently the children of victims exhibit psychosomatic symptoms and other disturbances, and help them a group of paediatricians, nurses and child psychologists has been set up at the centre.

RCT endeavours to get across to its patients that the aim of torturers the world over is to destroy the personality of their victim.

"Torture is like a great sorrow", Dr Genefke says: "Once victims can analyse it, they are over the hill.

"The victims all have strong personalities. That is why they were tortured in the first place. They are without exception brave people, who have been fighting to improve the society in their countries. They are wonderful people, that's why it is relatively easy to help them."

Normal hospital treatment is of little use to torture victims, so great care is taken to create a non-institutionalized atmosphere at the centre, and therapeutic methods reminiscent of the torture chamber are avoided.

"Our main problem is money", Dr Genefke concludes, but it costs much more to torture than to heal. In the final analysis the torturer is the one who is always humiliated, never the victim.

Christopher Follett

*Torture in the Eighties *is an Amnesty International Report, London, April 1984.*

A foot in the street of shame

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Planning a night out in London soon? Here's a brief list of the best plays and films on at the moment.

THEATRE

The Aspern Papers. Fleet Street drama, about paper owner "Tiny" Aspern who becomes furious with his editor, "Donald" Aspern, and threatens to sell the papers to his old chum "Bob" Aspern. A happy, if implausible ending.

Two Yentlmen of Verona. Fast-moving comedy in which two Jewish girls dress up as Italian gentlemen and keep not recognizing each other.

Starlight Express. Fleet Street drama based on the birth of a new paper called Starlight Express. Disaster ensues when the bingo editor falls hopelessly in love with the writer of the horoscope.

Glengarry, Glen Ross. Gentle, old-fashioned comedy about the rivalry between two malt whisky distilleries.

Loot. Fleet Street drama about a newspaper proprietor who is tempted to cash in all his Reuter's shares and call it a day. He does.

Starlight Express? That Will do Nicely, sir. Andrew Lloyd-Webber has gutted an entire London theatre to turn it into a banking hall-cum-bureau de change. The speed with which the cashiers produce a current statement is quite breathtaking.

Glenn Hoddle, Glen Miller. Zany comedy about football star who meets up with the ghost of the late swing-era leader and decides never to fly to an international again.

Do Not Go, Yentl, Into That Good Night. One-man show based on Jewish girl who dresses up as Dylan Thomas.

Gleneagles, Glenda Jackson. Hard-hitting topical drama about South Africa, Equity, the GLC and the lack of parking space in the West End.

Pack of Lies. Fleet Street drama.

CINEMA

Footloose. All singing, all dancing film about Lord Byron, who overcomes the disability of a club foot to become the world's champion waltzer.

Greystoke. Working class drama set in the Potteries town of the same name. Central figure is young lad who dreams of growing up and becoming a gorilla in Africa. Eventually he compromises and buys a monkey jacket.

Silkwood. American thriller about the attempt of a young girl working in a plutonium bomb plant to give up smoking.

Silkcut. A short advertising film on the same bill as the last.

Footsore. Compelling documentary on the New York marathon.

Footstock. Interesting documentary about the catering problems of a big pop festival.

Silkstock. Very boring documentary about how panty hose are made.

Greyfriars. Quirky film about boy growing up in jungle who turns out to be Billy Bunter.

Footrot. Medical documentary about the making of *Chariots of Fire*.

Foxtrot. Harrowing film about vivisection in ballroom dancing research.

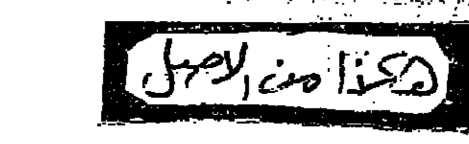
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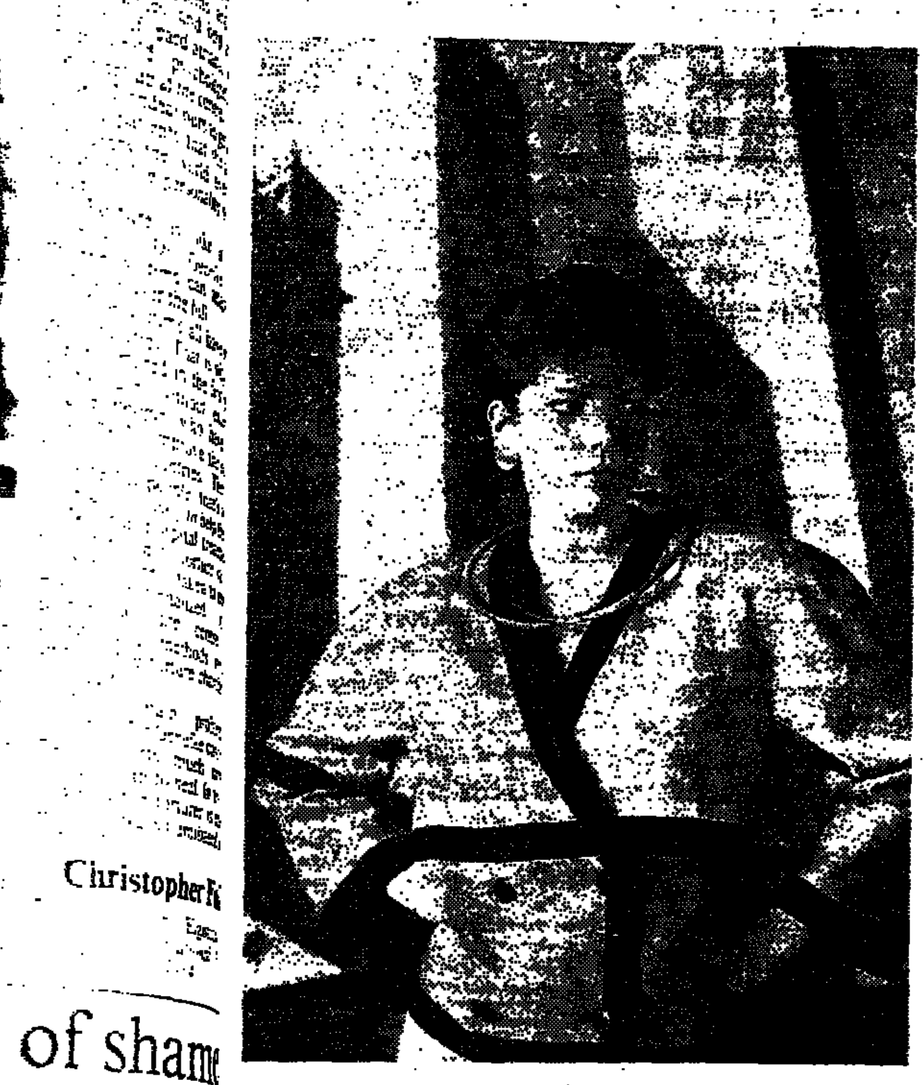
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NEW YORK FASHION by Suzy Menkes

The New World has taken images from the old for its creative sportwear. New York fashion week and current designer clothes in London underline the message





COMING OUT IN MANHATTAN

New found confidence, fresh conviction and flashes of day-glo brilliance lit up the New York fashion week. The colours, the graphic shapes and the sexual charge of the Sixties make the avant garde, while established designers give a masculine twist to their New England sportswear.

Stephen Sprouse was the shock of the week. In an East Village club, a psychedelic flash away from the old Warhol factory, Sprouse gave a strong show filled with images of the Sixties – doe eyes, fringed hair, mini dresses and rocker jackets. Andy Warhol himself was in the exuberant audience who screamed at the spare black cashmere suits, the dazzling day-glo colours, the space-age silver leather all shown to the naked beat of hard rock.

A jumble of graffiti letters was printed on the clothes and drawn in make-up across face and flesh. Under that camouflage, 30-year-old Sprouse (who trained with the classic American designer Halston) is a fine tailor, making strong, square jackets, bringing back the single breast and the short coat.

Elsewhere, a genuine American-style has been created from country tweeds, classic shirtings, overcoats and accessories redolent of an England that is now for export only.

Ralph Lauren makes the most impeccable fashion statment about women's wear from gentlemen's classics. Showing against a brown study of leather-bound books and oak panelling in a New York club library, he produced warm tattersall tweed jackets, herringbone trousers and windowpane check overcoats, and a velvet smoking jacket, complete with crested pocket.

But Ralph Lauren – like the barmen in the fast-paced Manhattan cafés – knows how to mix a fashionable cocktail. He takes traditonal pin-striped suiting and makes it into an over-sized jump suit or a wide-lapelled mobster suit. The all-American camp shirt with its workaday flap pockets comes up for evening in thick white silk. And his sleek new evening outfit is the gentleman's city coat, with velvet or fur collar.

You have to a be great designer to deal in simplicity and Calvin Klein makes some great coats – big, masculine shapes in herringbone tweed, shown with equally mannish pleated trousers and in the sombre colours of a frozen landscape: furrow brown, hunting green, berry red.

Klein's new jacket is the cardigan blazer, uncomprmisingly collarless, good-looking in donegal tweed with a dark cravat silk paisley skirt. The shirt makes the dress of the season, simple in black velvet at night or as a plaid silk camp shirt.

Perry Ellis worked hard at his Twenties sportswear theme, and was rewarded with a standing ovation for his abstract-patterned knits inspired by the paintings of Sonia Delaunay. Perry's menswear included collarless drapes, the abstract patterned shirt, single-buttoned jackets and the short coat. His women's clothes were in men's cloth, with some pleat-front pants but also very long wrap skirts and gym-slip dresses. Elongated tunics with long skirts looked stunning in knit with abstract patterns at hip and hem.

There is another side to New York fashion: the ritzy, glitzy style that shimmers like the new Trump Tower and would look equally out of place in London's low-rise social landscape.

Bill Blass makes Fifth Avenue clothes and he makes them beautifully – a soft camel coat worn with fondant pink and almond green or mink neck and cuffs on renaissance green ribbed silk. Bill Blass, the originator of the up-market fashion glamour that Americans call "couture", is master of the flirty cocktail dress, ruched at the front, swathed at the hips or sequinned at the bodice. His most stunning evening outfit was a sugared almond pink angora tunic buttoned low at the back over a pink skirt.

Ladies who lunch will wear Oscar de la Renta's bold wool suits in hot colour combinations like egg yolk yellow with turquoise or lagoon blue and shocking pink, above slim black skirts. The velvet collar – a general trend – was the merest touch of man tailoring in a collection that used Spanish embroidery in cut velvet as decoration and came out with all the lamé fit to print.

American fashion does not have the creative cutting edge of international fashion. But many English women find the American sportswear style more appealing than hard-edged high fashion – even at the dollar-high import prices. Accordingly the New York designers have come out of the closet with confidence in their own image.

"I am what I am", as the Broadway hit musical puts it. Except that, this being Manhattan, those words are sung by a fella in a frock in the gayest show in town.

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STEPHEN SPROUSE *above left* Sixties revival dress in fuchsia pink jersey, fluorescent orange gaberdine duster coat and graffiti tights to order from Browns, South Molton Street W1; 6c Sloane Street SW1. Dollar sign earrings by Monty Don from Harvey Nichols, Liberty. NORMA KAMALI *above right* pink interlock wing-shoulder top £50, slim skirt £30 from Browns, South Molton Street W1. Belt Otto Glanz, from Fenwick.

RALPH LAUREN *above left* Ticking shirt £50, cotton slipover £53, *white pleated* skirt £85 from 143 New Bond Street W1. Straw hat £5.75, The Hat Shop, 58 Neal Street WC2. Silk cravat, Simpson. PERRY ELLIS *above right* window pane linen pants suit £350, linen blouse, from Browns, South Molton Street. OSCAR DE LA RENTA *top left* Colour block wool suit from a selection at Régine, 43-44 New Bond Street W1. Hoop jewelry Michaela Frey, South Molton Street W1.

Sweating it out

Is there life after the leotard? Jane Fonda answered that from the audience of her Workout show. In candy pink sweatshirt and big fleece fabric grey skirt, she was dressed to show off her latest designs.

Graffiti-patterned or computer print-out leotards – cut very high at the legs and in varied body shapes – are the latest line in dance wear. The well-exercised body is then concealed by oversize separates in cotton fleece and sweats, some checked, all high action shown in an aerobic routine that left the audience – if not the dancers – exhausted.

Norma Kamali is the New York designer who really believes in the body, moulding the torso from her famous shoulder pads to a fitted and curvaceous silhouette.

New is her slim skirt kicking into pleats at the hem, her big box jacket, her wool gauze in plaids and checks. Kamali's fleece for next season is used in reverse and called, appropriately enough, "white out". Covetable are heavy terry towelling coats with thermal lining, trimmed with fake fur. Rayon is the fabric for evening clothes, especially a wrap dress in a chintzy rose print.

Norma Kamali, whose spare, functional shop on 57th Street is a fashion mecca, has designed the ultimate New York accessory: the mug bag. It consists of a large sack with a closed top and just one small opening. It may be hard to get out purse and keys. But then that is the general idea....

FASHFLASH NY

Young London has arrived in New York with a big flourish. A fashion show given for Britain's avant garde designers, and a new department set up in Macy's, pay fluorescent lip service to the source of curren. creativity.

But when I started to search the mammoth Macy's store, the story was rather different. Sue Clowes' Flesh and Steel T-shirts and Rachel Auburn's bold shapes are on sale – but in numbers that are laughable by New York store standards.

I would like to think that buying British is a sell-out success. But the truth is rather that window dressing in the US is an art – and a crafty way of getting you inside to the regular merchandise.

"The Village was for Sixties people, SoHo for the Seventies and the Upper West Side is for the Eighties" is how a New Yorker defined for me the geography of fashionable New York. Downtown you still find old clothes (now white linen blouses and fringed paisley scarves), day-glo sportswear and craft jewelry. Charivari on Columbus Avenue h s the Eighties preoccupation with No Nuke T-shirts (by British designer Katharine Hamnett) and a sea of ost holocaust Japanese grey cotton.

Masculine pleat-front pants may be a uniform on the New York runways, but in the restaurants trousers are not the current chic. Executive women dress for working breakfasts in suits with skirts and lunch in tie-neck dresses.

Fashion designers are at home in Bloomingdales. Leader of the pack is Ralph Lauren, whose homestead collection of linens is shown against resinous pine fitments treated to smell like your own log cabin. Snug quilts complete with storage pockets, country chintz, dark paisley sheetings and stripey shipboard towels make stunning country room sets. Laura Ashley keeps to her pretty image with towels threaded with ribons or banded and braided with flowers. Issey Miyake sheets are cool, angular and would look just fine on your straw mat.

With a Francis Bacon exhibition the happening of the week and modern art canvases on sale in store, it is not surprising that art is in fashion and fashion draws on art. Perry Ellis's Sonia Delaunay abstract patternings are part of a chain of cooperation between art and fashion that started with Dali and Schiaparelli. The most stunning section of the Yves Saint Laurent retrospective at the Metropolitan Museum features his Mondrian and pop-art inspired clothes from the Sixties. The Metropolitan's shop now wholesales its reproduction of works of art (including jewelry and accessories) to the stores.

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People's bureau

The first formal meeting between Westminster and Buenos Aires since the Falklands conflict is about to be held in New York, between an all-party delegation led by Tory MP Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Commons select committee on foreign affairs, and Argentina's ambassador to the United Nations, Carlos Muniz. It has clearly upset Mrs Thatcher. Yesterday a Foreign Office spokesman said the exchange had "nothing to do with the Government" and urged me to "read nothing whatever" into it.

Tory backbencher Peter Bottomley, who in March signed a motion pressing for the resumption of relations, takes a different view. "In a democracy, people don't wait for governments to resume formal talks." The Foreign Office, meanwhile, continues to communicate with Buenos Aires in morse code: when Mrs Thatcher wants to speak she contacts the British ambassador in Switzerland via the FO; he tells the Swiss Foreign Ministry, which passes the message to the Swiss ambassador in Buenos Aires, who in turn. . . .

Country strife

Unseemly feuds are not confined to Fleet Street's lower reaches. The genteel air at *Country Life* has turned distinctly ungentlemanly following a confrontation between journalists and management over their editor's conflict of roles. While continuing as editor, Michael Wright was recently appointed "publisher" by IPC of both *Country Life* and the *Antique Dealer and Collectors Guide*. His staff said he cannot be both editor *and* publisher. Wright has apparently agreed to do the decent thing and vacate his editorial chair of 14 years. I hardly needed to speak to him for confirmation. When I rang, his secretary asked if I was an applicant for his job.

The right stuff

A year's all-American transformation is being offered by the Walt Disney Organization, which is recruiting young Britons for its World Showcase Fellowship Program in Florida. "Advanced" English-speaking applicants "must be willing to adhere to the Walt Disney World Appearance Standards – Males: hair cut over ears, no facial hair, no bracelets, necklaces, earrings or hairpieces. Females: natural hairstyles, no coloring, bleaching, streaking, no wigs or hairpieces, no eyeshadow or eyeliner, no bracelets or necklaces." Finally, "no personal limitations". Could Goofy's days be numbered?

● **A friend just back from the Fisherman's Cove Hotel in the Seychelles tells me he reported the theft of his bathing trunks to the manager, to be told: "We've had a lot of trouble with the local dog." My friend helpfully asked if he should report back if he spots a dog wearing his trunks.**

Saints' days

The Marquess of Tavistock tells me the three Hell's Angels who are squatting in his former gamekeeper's cottage, at Woburn, are pretty tame stuff. The angels, whom he is trying to evict in court next week, have behaved like saints since they moved in over Easter. They have even dumped their Harley Davidsons for an old car. "I have wilder chimpanzees", he says.

Authors' writes

Publishers are said to be having hysterics over Faber and Faber's promise to give authors the right to renegotiate their contracts every 10 years. "In this company", said the selfless Faber, "there was not one dissenting voice." Hardly surprising: no fewer than seven Faber board members and employees are themselves authors – among them Craig Raine, the poet, Donald Mitchell, the music historian, Robert McCrum, thriller writer, and Pete Townshend of The Who, head of the rock list, who is now working on a novel.

BARRY FANTONI

THE TIMES
CATHOLICS URGE FISH ON FRIDAYS

'Do you suppose it's a move to get us used to paying VAT on take-aways?'

Thurnham clean

Tory MP Peter Thurnham swears he will tell nothing but the truth when he is quizzed about his expenses by the Commons select committee on employment next week. He has agreed to be wired up to a polygraph as part of the committee's examination of the use of lie detectors to vet GCHQ staff. He tells me he expects to face "the sort of questions designed to make you twitch", including "Have you ever fiddled your expenses?" and "Have you ever told a lie?" Curiously, no one else on the committee has volunteered.

PHS

David Walker describes the difficulties facing the Jarratt committee on academic efficiency, which meets for the first time today

Bringing the universities to financial book

Oxford University has nearly 100 separate libraries. Between them they take four or five subscriptions to a single periodical, *Nuclear Physics* (cost £1,500 a year each). What would an efficiency scrutineer from Lord Rayner's school have to say?

Obviously: rationalize. The university could continue to function perfectly well as a top-flight academic institution with fewer book collections and, say, only two subscriptions to *Nuclear Physics*.

But that judgment means confronting Oxford University Library Board, the Curators of the Bodleian Library and any number of irate fellows of colleges – in other words a power structure of antiquity and sinuous strength. Some would say the structure is part of Oxford's beauty. Many, in the tradition that gives Britain's universities a strikingly high international reputation, would question whether management consultants are entitled to ask such questions, for what begins as an issue of resource allocation quickly becomes a vexed issue of research and the lineaments of knowledge.

Muliply this example and the points of principles it raises by the sum of British universities (not all as labyrinthine as Oxford, admittedly) and you get some idea of the minefield facing Sir Alex Jarratt's committee on the efficiency of universities, which meets for the first time this afternoon.

Jarratt was chosen by the vice-chancellors with government approval as an open-minded corporation man who is patently not the Prime Minister's feared expert on Whitehall efficiency, Lord Rayner. On the face of it he will set his committee of academics and industrialists a much less fraught agenda.

The Committee of Vice-chancellors and Principals has done a deal with Sir Keith Joseph in which they support his plan for sample efficiency studies à la Rayner in half a dozen universities, but matters educational and academic are excluded in order to preserve the independence of academic judgment.

The official plan is for Hay, Coopers Lybrand, and Peat Marwick with the other consultants to be brought in to study purchasing, cleaning and computer application – no more nor less than the first generation of Rayner scrutinies in Whitehall and indeed no more than most universities have been doing for some time through shared O and M (organization and management units) or in-house efficiency studies such as those done by Imperial College's department of management science.

This is anodyne stuff which will neither save much money nor – this is the view of many university administrators – ask the interesting question. Administration in universities accounts for less than 7 per cent of current spending: the bulk of outlays relate one way or another to academic work.

One academic registrar said: "Once again the CVCP has given the impression of having something to hide. How can you exclude from estimates of 'efficiency' teaching and research, the through-put of students in one department, the productivity of academics in another? If only we had seized the idea of efficiency studies and used them to show off the university's strengths. We've got nothing to hide."

Jarratt may indeed find it difficult not to be drawn across the boundary into what the CVCP says is the forbidden territory of "academic and educational policies, practices or methods." Virtually any question about management in universities broaches the issue of academic self-government. Universities are democracies, some (for example those where the engineers and technologists are scarce) operate almost anarchically with decisions hammered out only painfully in a long sequence of committees and senate meetings.

University self-government has positive value. The point, say the critics of Jarratt's terms of reference, is that he won't be able to evaluate the pros and cons.

More controversially, Jarratt has had to accept the chairman of the University Grants Committee as a member of his group. This will presumably mean no discussion about what many universities consider the hopeless quality of UGC decision taking and the bureaucracy it demands.

"Try and sell the freehold of our own land to a company locating on our science park", said a Midlands university registrar. "It's a morass of UGC and Treasury restrictions".

How much will Jarratt's scrutineers be allowed to say about the role of vice-chancellors themselves – few of them managers in the conventional sense? Just as Whitehall's permanent secretaries have resisted Rayner-inspired attempts to give them a job description (and so begin assessing performance) so vice-chancellors are likely to fend off any efforts to pin down what their role is or might become.

Jarratt is a start. "At the minimum, as an outside, impartial look at the way we run our business this scrutiny will be worthwhile", says Imperial's pro-rector.

But is the exercise as now conceived also a lost opportunity to give the universities – many still fluttering like butterflies wounded in the 1981 round of cuts – managerial backbone to enable them to fight their corner? Academic management is complex: administering precious creativity and providing for scholarship is still an ill-understood art.

In his recent book on the university crisis, Peter Scott worried that a "meta-language of bureaucratic command" might come to fill the vacuum created by the disappearance of a common intellectual language in the modern specialist universities.

Perhaps. But might a rigorous approach to efficiency and effectiveness in academic institutions not also provide a rallying point for the universities in reasserting their important place in the changing economy and society of Britain?

Roger Scruton

A call to alms we must resist

"Love thy neighbour", said Christ; and "who is my neighbour?" came the prompt reply. Because there is no simple answer, Christ responded with a famous parable. The Samaritan extends his help to a stranger; but he acts under the impulse of compassion, and without a rational plan. Maybe he should have looked around first, lest there were some more needy victim? Maybe, refusing their help, the priest and the Levite conserved it for someone more deserving? Maybe it would have been better to leave the victim to die, so as to draw attention to the plight of the oppressed peasants who had been driven to kill him? Maybe the assailants were terrorists, engaged in a "war of liberation", and their victim a pampered member of the ruling class?

Political calculation, when it intrudes into charitable motive, also destroys it. The clear obligations of the heart become clouded by the monstrous ambitions of the brain. The help we can understand and offer seems unreal; while the help which lies beyond our understanding, and for the sake of which we must take up arms in a never-ending struggle, seems uniquely worthy of our energies.

English law excludes political activity from its definition of charity. But, as the example shows, every act of charity may be given a political interpretation. Hence every charitable foundation may be "politicized" by those who see no distinction between the relief of suffering and the "struggle" for a better world.

A most instructive example is provided by War on Want: a charity ostensibly devoted to the relief of poverty. Many who give money for this admvirable purpose may be surprised at the organization's own interpretation of its calling.

At War on Want's annual general meeting in 1983, the main speaker was a member of the central committee of Swapo and the theme throughout was that of "struggle by peasants" and workers' organizations to overcome inequality and oppression; and so on. It is not difficult, now, to interpret those expressions, or to understand what might be involved in War on Want's support for "groups organizing for change" and groups "disseminating alternative news". Nor is it hard to understand the real meaning of the general secretary's closing remarks, in which he emphasized the need to develop links with both the peace and labour movements, which he saw as War on Want's "natural allies".

As a matter of fact War on Want is extremely suspicious of the charitable motive, which, by relieving present suffering, perpetuates the *status quo*. It prefers the broader view and in particular the "struggle" for radical social and political change. It often says as much. In 1981, it launched a campaign against unemployment, that was justified by the then general secretary in the following terms:

"We realize that the unemployed do not want the old fashioned kind of charity handouts, paternalism and charities doing the job governments should do".

Old-fashioned paternalists who, like the Good Samaritan, step in and do the government's business, only impede the process of political transformation, to which the energies of War on Want are now largely directed.

War on Want gives active support to the "people of Namibia" in their struggle against "South African oppression", and to the "refugees" who over the last few years have gathered in neighbouring Angola, very often with automatic rifles on their shoulders. And those seeking to help this cause are invited by War on Want to contact organizations that work for the violent overthrow of the present political order in Southern Africa.

The organization was particularly active in Grenada, before the US invasion, and provided £250,000 for "development" projects. A statement issued by the vice-chairman, regretting the overthrow of this revolutionary paradise implied that the "development" projects promoted by War on Want benefits enormously from the benign supervision provided by a single-party Marxist state. In a recent Newsletter, War on Want has declared that it does not provide emergency relief, "but", it asks rhetorically, "should we refuse to give urgent support when organizations such as Swapo or the Revolutionary Democratic Front in El Salvador ask us to do so?"

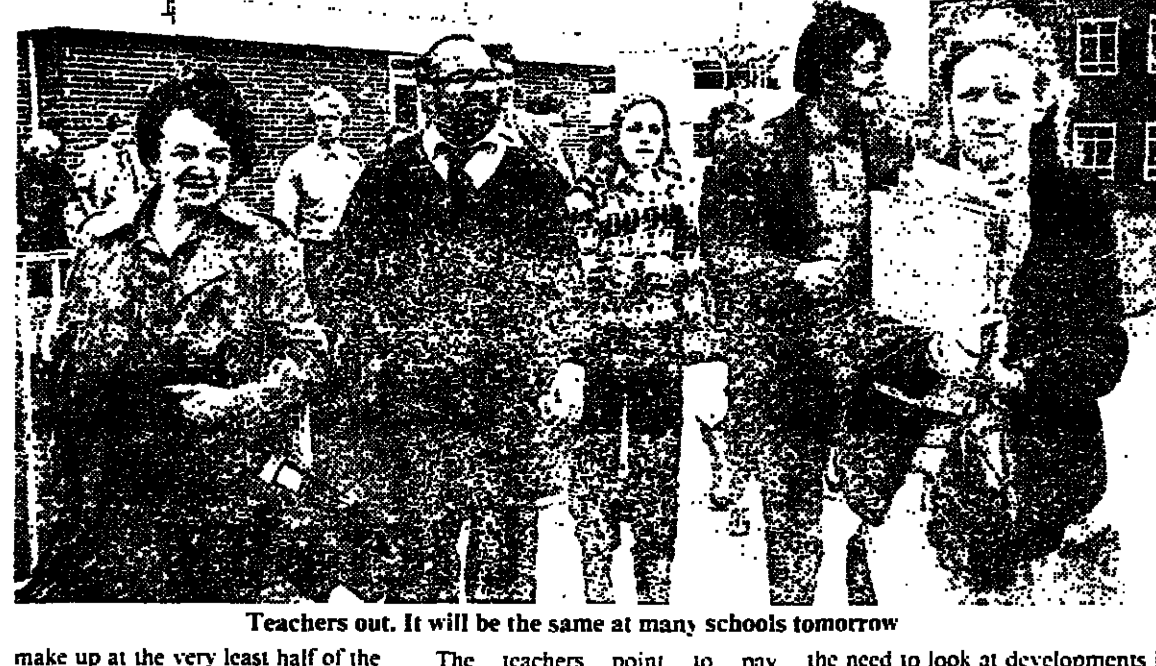
Someone who believes that the people of El Salvador will be happier under the rule of the "Revolutionary Democratic Front" – as happy, say, as the people of Cuba – may wish to support this cause. But is it charitable? The answer to that question is provided by another: what if the belief is wrong? What if the people of El Salvador would be *less* happy after the Revolutionary Democratic Front has seized power?

The worth of the Samaritan's action was unquestionable. He sought not to change the world, but to relieve the suffering of one individual within it. He did not calculate the profit and the loss, nor did he need to: for what he did was good in itself, and required no further justification. Can the same be said of the actions of War on Want? And, if not, should it enjoy the privileges accorded to a charity?

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David Felton on the unrest over the public-private wage gap

The pay slip that could mean a Thatcher U-turn



Teachers out. It will be the same at many schools tomorrow

The Government's tight control of the public purse is facing its most severe test. An ever-growing queue of state employees is showing a marked reluctance to accept a third consecutive year of low pay awards.

Teachers, civil servants, nurses and other health service workers – all regarded as industrially "soft" in spite of bouts of militancy in recent years – are putting forward claims for "catching up" increases reminiscent of the gestation period of the "winter of discontent" in 1979.

Few in the unions are talking about a summer of discontent, but it seems unlikely that the Government will be able to hold pay increases for its own workers to the 3 per cent target. The trend appears to be edging inexorably toward the pschologically important 5 per cent level. In addition the union rumblings are taking place against the backcloth of the miners' strike, which helps to create a more militant atmosphere generally.

With a widening gap between the pay of central and local government workers and those in the rest of the economy, the unions and some forecasters believe that the pressure now building up is the inevitable product of the Government's wage restraint policy. The National Institute for Economic and Social Research has estimated that, by the end of this pay round, state workers' average earnings will be at least 9 per cent lower than earnings in the public corporations and private sector.

The institute's research shows that the gap the unions are trying to close is almost as wide as in 1979 at the end of the Labour government's Social Contract. Workers in local government subsequently won substantial increases from the Clegg comparability commission and civil servants had two big rises in 1979 and 1980 from their own comparability system, but since then the Government's policy of using pay restraint in the public services as an example to employers in the private sector has gradually widened the gap.

The differential between public service settlements over the last three years and all others is around 8⅔ per cent, and the unions point to the current increase in average earnings of around 8 per cent as evidence that Mrs Thatcher is making them "whipping boys". They estimate that the gap is more than 10 per cent and are seeking to make up at the very least half of the lost ground.

But storm signals are not confined to the teachers, civil servants and nurses. Industrial action is threatened on the railways and in the Post Office, where 4 per cent offers have been rejected, and British Telecom's refusal to drop the principle of a differential offer, which would give less to some grades which are said to be overpaid, has led to difficult negotiations.

It is difficult to predict how the Government will react to the growing union restiveness, although immediate attention will focus on the teachers and civil servants who are more or less side by side at the head of the pay queue. Many schools are expected to be closed tomorrow by the teachers' one-day strike: it could presage a long and damaging campaign in which children might be prevented from sitting examinations.

It is now generally accepted that if the present rejected 4.5 per cent offer to the teachers had been tabled two weeks earlier, it probably would have been accepted in England and Wales, as it has been by Scottish teachers. The poor handling of the negotiations by local authority employers immediately before the teaching unions' annual conferences has created a situation where both sides are entrenched and the unions are flexing their not often-used industrial muscle.

The teachers point to pay comparisons throw up by a joint pay survey conducted with the employers to show how their pay has slipped since 1974. The overall average teaching salary of £9,240 is set against £10,993 for accountants and £11,644 for electrical engineers and £15,875 (including allowances) for police inspectors. Police pay is a touchy subject for all public service workers who have seen the police and other "privileged" groups such as the armed forces and firemen maintain high increases, while their pay has been held down.

Police pay increased by 8.4 per cent last autumn while firemen had a 7.8 per cent rise thanks to their index-linked pay formula. Indeed, police and fire inspectors now rank number three in the white-collar pay league, with average weekly earnings of £284. By comparison, the average Civil Service salary is £7,071 although the range rises from around £3,000 for a clerical assistant to £24,000 for assistant secretaries.

The Civil Service unions, who are expecting the Treasury to make some improvement this week in the Government's 3 per cent pay offer, are pressing for 7 per cent increases, which represent the upper quarter of the range of pay rises in comparable private sector jobs.

In response, the Government has laid great stress in negotiations on the need to look at developments in other areas of public pay, notably the local authority manual workers' 4.5 per cent deal.

Finally there are the one million National Health Service workers who have been placed by the Government firmly at the end of the present pay queue. The Prime Minister's announcement that the nurses and midwives pay review body will not report for a month indicates that ministers would like the Civil Service and teaching pay negotiations out of the way before talking to the nurses.

The review body is thought to have recommended increases of between 6 and 9 per cent for the 450,000 nurses and midwives, and although there have been reports that Mrs Thatcher will try to reduce the increase to the 3 per cent limit, such action would create a political storm and could provoke even the most non-militant nurses.

The problem that the Government faces with the nurses, as with the Civil Service, is how to accommodate increases of more than 3 per cent in cash limits. If the nurses were given 6 per cent, that would double the £82m allowed in cash limits and wipe out this year's real growth in NHS spending. In the Civil Service a 4 per cent increase can be squeezed into a 3 per cent limit by leaving vacancies unfilled for a period, but anything above that would cause difficulties.

With these groups, who together make up 2 million of the workforce, the growing problems have all resulted from some form of pay comparability under a government which, burdened with the Clegg and Civil Service awards when it came to office in 1979, set its face firmly against comparability for the future. That small U-turn may lead to Mrs Thatcher's hold on the pay purse strings being loosened, however slight.

PAY DEALS

Groups of Workers	Numbers Involved	% Settlement since Aug '83
Local Authority Manuals	1m	4 5
Engineering Industry	2m	5.0 approx
Ford (manual)	44,500	7.5
Vauxhall	14,500	8.0
Marks & Spencer	46,000	8.0
British Airways	36,000	4 & 5 over 2 years plus profit sharing
Police	250,000	8.4
Firemen	35,500	7.8
Electricity Supply	77,500	5.2
Merchant Seamen	24,000	5 1
Clearing Banks	200,000	5.25
Guardian Royal Exchange	7,500	6.5
UK Atomic Energy Authority	4,700	3.25
ERF (truck builder)	950	1.25

Eleven good men and untrue

No football club in the history of the game can have enjoyed quite such a sedentary passage to glory as Palmerston FC. To say that it never existed would be to give the game away too soon, and indeed to fly in the face of the evidence. For the exploits of the team were diligently recorded week after credulous week by a newspaper which, like the club, is alas no more.

Although Palmerston can, these 12 years after its short and heady life, be mentioned by name, the paper which chronicled its victories must remain anonymous or else impair the dignity of its calling. If you wish to comb the back numbers of every weekly in the country, you might stumble on its identity. If not, then you will just have to take my word for it that the following is the almost unvarnished truth.

The great thing about Palmerston FC – indeed the only thing about Palmerston FC – was its immaculate match report, which would be waiting on the front door mat of the newspaper office every Monday morning. Now, local football correspondents are not the most gracious of prose stylists, nor for that matter the most impartial of spectators, for the simple reason that they are often the trainer, or father of a player, or even captain of the side. The poor sports editor has to wade through acres of longhand scrawl, in which 10-0 home defeats are somehow portrayed as a combination of bad luck and worse reffing: "Once again, the wind had a really poor match, favouring the opposition for the first 45 minutes and then changing direction on the stroke of half-time." There are also strange coincidences between the by-line of the report and the apportioning of heroic status: "Despite his two broken legs and partial blindness, goalie Tommy Rourke was once again the saviour of Rambleton Rovers, writes Tommy Rourke." Well, not quite that flagrant, but nearly.

In this landscape of *Wizard* cliché and wild hyperbole, the Palmerston reports were a beacon of literacy. Here were measured judgments, indented paragraphs, and subclauses which did not hijack the sentence. Here too was modesty of such a pitch that "the lads" often got stick from the correspondent even in the wake of a comfortable victory. Moreover – and it was here that a rat should have been smelt from the start – the reports did not carry a byline. Still, there could be no question but that they were kosher, and in they went.

Palmerston's correspondent had obviously not read his *Macbeth*, but fell prey to "vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself and falls on the other". So intoxicated was he by the public credibility of his dispatches that he soon pushed the device too far. Not content wih filing results which looked more like rugby scores, he stepped up the midfield activities of the twins, C. Fairlie and D. Fairlie, both just 4 ft 11 in tall, to a point at which one of them scored from the halfway line without the ball leaving the turf.

Bucked by the appearance of this report in the paper, he wrote that a top Spanish manager had now flown post-haste to Britain to sign the diminutive stars. The manager's name was Sr Sordo Lopez, which, as every discerning soul knows, is the name of a cloying sweet white wine.

The paper's football *nous* may have been sadly jaded, but its nose for wine retained a brisk twitch, and all subsequent reports on Palmerston FC were consigned to the pending tray. One has to assume that after a few weeks the correspondent got withdrawal symptoms, for there came a spate of phone calls in funny voices asking what had become of the team. The common characteristic of all these voices was that it sounded like the sports reporter of a rival paper – an individual with a long history of trying to embarrass the opposition.

In the end Palmerston FC was consigned to an ignominious grave. The paper which had trumpeted their fictitious feats finally sent them on a tour of the Isle of Wight, during which they played two matches, scoring just one goal and conceding 53. There was a disgraceful scene at a Ventnor nightclub, as a result of which the Fairlie twins were arrested and Sr Sordo Lopez deported. And not a single supporter rang in to set the record straight.

Alan Franks

Mark Goyder

Petty cash – and pettiness

Strange and paradoxical are the ways of our parliamentary democracy. One moment our elected representatives – or that portion of them still awake at the unsocial hour when these big decisions are taken – vote through a Consolidated Fund Bill approving billions of pounds' worth of public expenditure. The next day they show an eye for detail by interrogating ministers on questions as detailed as their departments' annual consumption of paperclips.

A minister who knows that he is likely to face this kind of detailed question goes back to his permanent secretary and says: "Do what you like with the banana, but for God's sake remove the skins from my path", and the permanent secretary sets up a formidable machinery of screening and auditing to ensure that his political master is free from risk.

Departments, quangos and voluntary bodies receiving public money are interrogated: their every receipt is minutely examined. Risky ventures likely to cause the minister embarrassment are identified, and funds to them cut off. So it is that Parliament exercises its restraint upon a minister. He is accountable; his actions are conditioned by the fear of detailed scrunity.

And what a price we pay for this petty form of accountability. The result is public spending without risk – and since experiment involves risk, that means also public spending without experiment.

One of the most imaginative of the many voluntary organizations entrusted by the Manpower Services Commission with spending money on youth training is Community Service Volunteers. This organization has pioneered the Springboard programmes which offer training opportunities associated with community service. The trainees might be placed in a day nursery, a centre for the elderly, or a school for the mentally handicapped. Or they might be assigned to one of the teams carrying out a costed commercial exercise under the eye of a trained project leader.

In one scheme in Kent the painting and decorating team of five trainees was entrusted with a job in the bell tower of Rochester Cathedral. "It's fundamental work", said the project leader, "stripping things down and starting again. We have had to do it in careful stages, and that has meant the trainees have learnt more about working in a team. We began with a budget, worked out what we needed, and brought it together . . ."

Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, may not have known about that side of the Springboard Kent project. Unfortunately, two years ago other trainees produced a tasteless cartoon, insulting to the Royal Family, and he heard all about that. The whole of Springboard Kent is now closed, with the loss of 200 places.

The demise of Springboard Kent is one illustration of the dangers of ministerial risk avoidance. There seems to be no recognition of the insurance principle that if you set out to do anything worthwhile you must expect accidents. I wonder how much experiences such as the Kent "scandal" have influenced Tom King in his more recent decision to cut back by some 20,000 the number of "Mode B1" places in the Youth Training Scheme – that is, in schemes such as Springboard where the trainee works for a community project and not a commercial employer.

Speaking as an employer of a YTS trainee, I would say that employer-based experience is fine for youngsters with some initiative, but it lights few fuses for those less interested and self-reliant. The employer looks for someone who will learn by getting on with the job, and a typical supervisor does not have the time to talk to the trainee and find out that he has fallen out with his parents or that his one enthusiasm in life is motorbikes.

While employer-based schemes draw out those who are most likely to make it without help, the community-based B1 schemes have an enviable record of enthusing the school drop-out who sees no point in sorting biscuits on a conveyor belt, but does come to life as an assistant in a nursery school, or learning his or her way round the stock control of an Oxfam shop, where an individual contribution clearly counts.

If the minister were really interested in helping with the transition from school to work, there would be no better schemes to promote than those which help the people least likely to make the transition on their own. As the all-party Penal Affairs Group has pointed out, these are the most likely to be tempted into crime if they do not make this transition.

"The transition from school to work." What does that mean to the 16-year-old, bored with the classroom, unqualified and without a spark of passion for the plastics factory down the road? There's more to it than clocking in on time and learning to "keep your nose clean".

We don't spend billions on youth training merely to help employers screen out the top 10 per cent. To justify our investment, youth training has to bring youngsters of all abilities to life at work, and bring work to life for all levels of ability. That is the kind of item for which we should hold the Mr King accountable.



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THE STAMP OF TRUMAN

More than sentimentality lies behind the celebrations on both sides of the Atlantic to commemorate the birth of Harry S. Truman one hundred years ago today. As President of the United States from 1945 to 1953 he embodied and helped shape the great certainties of that time: that the overwhelming power of the United States should be committed to the containment of Soviet power, the reconstruction and defence of Europe, and the promotion of freedom around the world.

With these certainties now under question, the centenary provides an occasion to look back and ask whether they were merely the transient products of the Second World War or whether they marked a fundamental change in the course of American history which will survive the present period of doubt and disarray.

It is easy to forget just how revolutionary was the change in American foreign policy after the Second World War. The traditions of isolationism were abandoned, the warnings against "entangling alliances" ignored. America stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of world leadership. The lessons of the inter-war years were still fresh. As Truman himself said in 1948: "After the First World War the United States had its first great opportunity to lead the world to peace. I have always believed that it was the will of God at that time that we should enter into and lead the League of Nations. How much misery and suffering the world would have been spared if we had followed Woodrow Wilson. We are not making the same mistake this time that we made in 1920. God willing, we will not ever make that mistake again".

Out of this determination came economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey, the Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of Europe, the Berlin airlift of 1948, the Point Four programme for aid to developing countries, and the formation of Nato in 1949. It was a time of vision, idealism and bi-partisan support for foreign policy.

In retrospect this all looks more inevitable than it seemed at the time. When the war ended the United States began to demobilize and bring its forces home. Most people assumed that they would leave Europe altogether as they had left it after the First World War. What caused the brakes to be slammed on and the policy to be reversed was the consolidation of Soviet power in Eastern Europe, the Berlin blockade, and the fear that Soviet influence would spread throughout shattered Europe, aided by communist parties expecting to enjoy the rewards of their resistance to Nazism and their support for the Soviet Union. The policies of containment and the commitment to Europe did not spring unaided from the far-sightedness of American leaders. They were a response to a threat, and they endured because the threat endured until the policies came to be accepted as part of the natural order of things.

When General Eisenhower assumed the presidency in 1953 bi-partisanship continued. Foreign policy was dominated by the east coast establishment, many members of which had personally taken part in the defeat of Nazism and the rebuilding of Europe. Their roots were in Europe, their friends, their memories and their shared successes. Their optimism that these successes could be extended to other parts of the world reached its peak under President Kennedy. The United States was invincible, her values unquestioned, her resources almost limitless and her mission clear. She could afford to defend freedom everywhere.

This confidence was shattered by the Vietnam war, a military and moral defeat which broke the domestic consensus, alienated a whole generation at home and abroad, destroyed confidence in leaders and institutions and lastingly weakened the power of the eastern establishment.

It was not only Vietnam and Watergate that caused this change. The power and the values of the United States would in any case have been challenged by a changing world, the rising military power of the Soviet Union, the proliferation of new states, and economic growth in Europe and the Far East. Even without Vietnam, the United States would now be dealing with a complex, recalcitrant world with many centres of power. There would be less confidence in the great certainties engendered by the common fight against German and Japanese nationalism. Its own centre of gravity would anyway have been shifting westwards, its demographic structure changing and its trade tilting towards the modern industries of countries such as Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Does this mean that the commitment to Europe will inevitably weaken, that the Truman era was just a detour, not a new departure? Nobody can be sure, but it seems unlikely. The United States is more dependent on foreign trade and foreign resources than it has ever been before. It cannot withdraw from the world. Nor could it withdraw from Europe without putting at risk not only its very substantial economic interests there but also the global balance of power. The loss of Europe would be of enormous strategic significance. Nor can the Europeans afford to lose the protection of American nuclear power for the foreseeable future. Thus, only a massive and mysterious wave of irrationality on both sides of the Atlantic could wholly disrupt the web of shared interest and values that still criss-crosses the Atlantic.

Nevertheless, the relationship needs nurture if it is not to weaken. The Americans took a risk when they decided to support the European Community. They took the risk of creating a political and economic rival. They did so in the belief that in the long run a strong Europe would become a valuable ally. They have been disappointed not because Europe has become too great a challenge but because it has remained weaker than it should be, squabbling over minor issues, unable to generate a sense of common purpose, and blaming too many of its ills on the United States. If the work of President Truman is unravelled it will be at least as much the fault of Europe as the fault of his heirs in Washington.

IN THE ROLE OF OUTCAST

Nothing is more congenial to politicians than to identify and adopt positions which appear to put them on the side of the angels, especially when the positions adopted are invested with implications which seem to put them outside rational discussion. For the politicians of the left, the undoubted immorality of apartheid establishes that the government of South Africa is irredeemably and absolutely evil, and has therefore to be regarded as not fit to be spoken to in any situation that arises.

Mrs Thatcher thinks differently, and she has invited Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister to talk to her when he comes to Europe next month. She has decided that if the governments of West Germany, Switzerland and Portugal can talk to him, she can – and, of course, she is right.

Predictably, rage has erupted on the left. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader (who was happy to go to Moscow and boast afterwards of how much time the authorities there granted him) has described the visit as "an insult to Britain's black community". Likewise, Mr Neil Kinnock, always good for a cliché, has denounced the visit as meaning that "a British Prime Minister is batting for South Africa," while Mr Peter Hain threateningly describes the visit as "an aggressive act which would provoke an aggressive response," reminding us of his past propensity to advance the cause of freedom in South Africa by physically stopping people here from doing what they are legally entitled to do on the cricket field.

The blanket condemnation of South Africa, and the refusal to give its present government any credit for recent changes of attitude are in marked contrast to the compromising attitudes towards other states with unpleasant or tyrannical regimes, whether in Africa or Europe. There have, for instance, been more people in prison without trial in Tanzania than in South Africa, and the racial pass laws of South Africa are matched by pass laws of a different sort to control dissidence in the Soviet Union. Yet how far a system designed to penalize a man for the colour of his skin is worse than one designed to punish him for his opinions and beliefs could evoke philosophical disputation without end.

What is severely practical and relevant now is that Angola and Mozambique (whose President Machel visited Britain last year) have recently undertaken new peace initiatives in negotiation with the South African government, and both countries have approved the talks about to start (under the auspices of President Kaunda of Zambia) between Swapo, the nationalist guerrilla organization in Namibia, and the present political parties in that country.

With so much movement towards peace in South Africa it makes no sense to deny Mr Botha the opportunity to learn direct from the British head of government this country's opinions. To talk to him is no more to underwrite apartheid than talking to President Chernenko would underwrite Soviet Communism if he were coming to learn for himself about Western European attitudes.

There have been signs of a developing political conscience in South Africa which does not owe everything, though it doubtless owes much, to the external pressures against that country's system. Only those who will be satisfied by nothing short of the total overthrow of the system as distinct from its evolution have rational grounds for condemning Mr Botha's visit. Mrs Thatcher's critics have a duty to say what advances they regard as necessary in South Africa to permit the pragmatic conversations she will hold with Mr Botha, or to remove from South Africa the burden of being the world's only pariah.

THE FLOODGATES ARE OPENED

One of the bees in the bonnet of that gallant and quixotic controversialist, Sir Alan Herbert – one which buzzed in these columns and elsewhere for thirty years or more – was the idea of a great barrage across the Thames to protect London from the occasional devastating tidal floods it has suffered since the middle ages. The glittering new structure, resembling a row of drowned Sydney Opera Houses, which the Queen today officially inaugurates would certainly have been castigated by Sir Alan as a grand missed opportunity.

It is an emergency barrier, designed to block the river only against quite exceptional tidal surges. But Sir Alan had always advocated stopping the tide completely and turning the river at the heart of London into a tranquil stream which would never again foam like a torrent round the piers of its bridges and never bare its unsavoury mudflats at low tide. This vision was deeply perverse in a waterman who might have been expected to appreciate the splendour of those intermittent currents which can carry a boat, half becalmed by office blocks and monuments of Empire, ten miles from Greenwich to Chelsea in a couple of hours. Happier counsels have prevailed.

The history of the barrier is full of such ironies. Its spectacular overruns on price and delivery date, as majestic in their way as the statistics of its novel and unparalleled technology, could stand as an emblem of the industrial history of the seventies and eighties, with small groups of workers taking full advantage of the urgency of the project, gambling bonus claims against the remote possibility of a disaster in which thousands might have died. Now the barrier seems destined to be the Greater London Council's greatest monument to posterity, as Waterloo Bridge is the great monument of the old LCC. Both projects were pushed through with their share of friction between national and metropolitan government.

The GLC deserves its credit for having urged the importance of giving London proper protection – though since Parliament's consent was won in 1972, the present regime at County Hall can claim only reflected glory for that momentous strategic initiative. Today's occasion is quite significant enough to justify the Queen's involvement and it would be as inappropriate to regret it as it was for Mr Ken Livingstone to declare that her presence would be an implicit royal comment on the Government's plans to extinguish the GLC.

It is geological forces working over a scale of time dwarfing both Westminster and County Hall which have made the barrier necessary. London, like Venice, is sinking infinitely gradually into the sea which brought it its wealth. Now London has been given protection against anything but an astronomically remote threat for at least a century and probably longer. The history of the barrier, for all its instances of maladroitness and small-mindedness, will not seem so deplorable if it is compared with the even longer story of similar attempts to save Venice, which remains unprotected to this day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Home programme for cable films

From Mr Piers Haggard and others

Sir, Next Tuesday, May 8, the Cable and Broadcasting Bill comes to the House of Commons. The occasion is of great importance, not only for those who work in the industry as we do, but for the public at large. The Government has so far been unwilling to give the new Cable Authority any brief to preserve cultural standards or encourage home production. Unless it does, British viewers and British programme makers together face a depressing future.

It seems strange to found an uncertain new industry upon the assassination of a healthy old one. Would it not be more logical for Britain to nurture and strengthen a new home market the better to export, as the Japanese invariably do to such effect?

The 14 per cent quota observed by the BBC and ITV for nearly 30 years has had exactly that result. British television is not only admired all over the world: it is a successful exporter. Italian broadcasting, on the other hand, totally unregulated, is not only of poor quality: it is a massive importer and a substantial drain on their balance of payments.

Our Government has so far set its face against quota, requiring only a "proper proportion" of EEC material. Franchise operators indicate intentions to purchase home product "if suitable". Such vagueness conceals a threat to all of us.

We entreat the House of Commons, in the national interest, to amend this Bill, giving the new authority the teeth to insist on decent programme standards and firmly requiring cable providers and operators to limit non-EEC imports. We suggest a statutory review after five years to evaluate the performance of each operator.

If such matters cannot be specified in the Bill itself, at least they should go into an enforceable code of practice. Failure to legislate now will hand over a new home market to American domination on a plate. Recently published schedules indicate this is already happening.

British directors and producers welcome, as always, new media and new challenges. The British entertainment industry stands ready to make programmes for cable at a realistic cost. All we require is a corresponding realism from the Government, which has consistently asserted its pride in British talent.

Yours, etc,
PIERS HAGGARD, Chairman,
The Directors Guild of Great Britain,
TERRY WILLIAMS, President,
The Association of Directors and Producers,
CLIVE PARSONS, Chairman,
The Association of Independent Producers,
17 Great Pulteney Street, W1.
May 4.

A broader base for sixth-form studies

From the Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference

Sir, I was pleased to read in your leading article (May 2) that Oxford University has told the University Grants Committee that the need for a broader sixth-form curriculum was "urgent". My sadness is that Oxford's own new proposals for entry via an examination taken in the fourth term of the sixth form will in fact militate against that very broadening and even threaten the acceptability of the admirable new AS level (formerly I level) examinations announced this week.

Existing general studies courses may also be jeopardised as heads of department attempt to prepare candidates for the Oxford examination, possibly in a single subject, right in the middle of their (already too specialised) A-level course. Surely the *sixth* term is the answer . . .

However, Oxford's clear commitment to a broader curriculum base will bring pleasure to Lord Flowers, Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, whose admirable letter (March 8) pledged his committee to the fullest support for the new AS levels which would offer "a realistic prospect of breaking free of the restricted range of subjects which has stereotyped the education of our abler pupils for too long".

I echo Lord Flowers's desire that those responsible for university admissions will pay due attention to this important development, a point which was also forcefully made by Dr Ingram, Chairman of the Standing Conference on University Entrance (April 5).

It is immensely heartening to read, in Sir Keith Joseph's new paper on AS levels (report, May 2), of the hope that "the arrangements for admission to higher education could be adapted so as to give preference (having regard to the grades achieved) to students who have studied a wider range of subjects".

Here at least, and at last, is a true gleam of light!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID EMMS,
Dulwich College, SE21.
May 3.

From Professor Gareth Williams

Sir, Your leader (May 2) is misleading in its claims that the best available evidence indicates increasing demand for higher education throughout the rest of this century. The best available evidence is the recent UCCA figures, which show a fall in the number of home applicants for universities in October, 1984.

There are, it is true, several interpretations of the evidence, mostly by groups with a vested interest in the result, that predict more students in 2000 than in 1981, but not even the most optimistic of them anticipate a steady rise from now till then.

The importance of this is not the forecasts – they are usually wrong anyway – but, as your leader rightly says, the need for change in the pattern of undergraduate degree courses.

The next decade offers the best prospect for very many years of a reform of our over-specialized and over-academic upper secondary and higher education. As the number of 18-year-olds falls it will be in the universities' own interests to adapt their course structures and admissions criteria to meet the needs of a segment of the population much wider than the small number of school-leavers who aim to become academics, civil servants and members of the liberal professions.

However, this is unlikely to happen if we talk ourselves into the mistaken belief that demand for the existing pattern of courses is going to remain buoyant, come what may.

It is not only Arthur Scargill who will serve his members best by facing reality and modifying work attitudes so as to be able to tap new markets.

Yours sincerely,
GARETH L. WILLIAMS, Director,
Institute for Research and Development in Post-Compulsory Education,
Cartmel College,
Lancaster.
May 2.

Unfair tax rates on the margin

From Mrs Martin Wooller

Sir, During the Easter holidays I took the opportunity to visit a friend, now aged almost 84 years, who lives in Cambridge in a modest flat owned by the university. She told me that she had been so alarmed by steep and rapid increases in her rent (properly fixed by the rent officer) and rates that she had been obliged to apply for housing benefit in order to make ends meet.

Her gross income, made up of her state pension, a small pension from her former employers and a small amount of investment income, amounts to about £58 per week. She then astonished me by saying that her marginal rate of tax, as from November of this year, would rise to 70 per cent.

She meant by this that while every marginal £1 of her income would be liable to income tax at the standard rate of 30 per cent, there would also be deducted from her housing benefit a further 40p by way of "clawback". Thus out of every extra £1 she might receive by improving the return on her small investments she would be able to keep only 30p.

In his Budget proposals the Chancellor announced the abolition of the investment-income surcharge of 15 per cent, thereby reducing the top rate of income tax on unearned income to 60 per cent. Earned income is similarly liable to a top rate of 60 per cent only. The richest taxpayers therefore now have the marginal rate of tax of 10 per cent, less than the marginal rate of tax (in its broadest sense) of a pensioner in my friend's circumstances whose income is less than £60 per week.

Is this a sign of the kind of compassionate society which is to greet us as we emerge from the recession?

Yours faithfully,
EILEEN WOOLLER,
8 Marlborough Close,
Mardley Hill,
Old Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
April 30.

Teachers' pay claim

From Mr C. E. H. Wade

Sir, Sir Keith Joseph mops his brow, looking melancholy, and states that teachers are irresponsible and unprofessional. He may be right; teachers are not paid professionally and are treated irresponsibly – he cannot expect anything else.

The current salary range of an "average" teacher on scale 2 is £5,949 to £9,132, for a demanding and stressful job, graduate entry and no tax or financial perks. I would like to hear Sir Keith say, hand on heart and without reference to market forces or the politically determined global sum available, whether he considers this to be a reasonable rate for the job.

If he does, the country will have the standard of teachers the present government deserves; if he does not, he, as Secretary of State for Education, should be at the forefront of getting something done about it.

Yours faithfully,
C. E. H. WADE, Headmaster,
Bramston School,
22 The Colliers,
Heybridge Basin,
Maldon, Essex.
May 2.

Sortie de Bayonne

From the Duke of Wellington

Sir, I read with interest the letter of Sir Patrick Reilly (April 14). I recall well the various events that took place in Brussels on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and the feeling of real regret that the French could not bring themselves to take part. This feeling was shared by us all.

I am happy to say, however, that no such inhibitions marred the events of the week before last in south-west France to which I alluded in my letter of April 12. My wife and I were received with great hospitality and kindness and at the various commemorative services and at the receptions given by the mayors of Biarritz and Bayonne there was an atmosphere of great cordiality. It was made amply clear that both sides were proud of their dead and of the chivalrous manner in which the campaign of 1813-14 had been fought.

It is interesting to reflect on why this part of France should be such a stronghold of the Entente Cordiale. Firstly, its inhabitants recall, not without pride, that in the Middle Ages they owed allegiance to the sovereigns of England and through that association many links were established.

Secondly, there is no doubt that these links were strengthened by the magnanimous and impeccable behaviour of the Great Duke and his army during their period of occupation. In fact many members of it, seduced by the charm of that beautiful part of France, returned as tourists and started a trend which built up during the nineteenth century and continues to this day.

I beg to remain, Sir your most obedient servant,
WELLINGTON,
Stratfield Saye House,
Reading,
Berkshire.
April 26.

Roots of damage

From Mr J. P. Grunewald

Sir, I do not think the apprehension voiced by your correspondent, Mr Lingard (April 27), about the effect of the judgment in *Russell v Barnet*, is at all justified. The facts before the court were that an ancient oak tree had undoubtedly caused a house to subside by abstracting moisture from the subsoil. It would be quite wrong to discount the amount of damage a tree can do.

The tree stood on the highway outside the house, and the court had to decide whether the tree was the responsibility of the householder or of the highway authority. Had the ruling been that a householder is responsible for the activities of highway trees in front of his house, doubtless all over the country worried individuals would fell such trees without any regard to their amenity value. But in the event the court decided the highway authority was responsible.

As a lawyer involved in the case, I heard the evidence that was given and it was apparent that the council had for years operated a programme of inspection and judicious pruning of ancient trees in their streets, partly with a view to any damage the trees could cause.

It can reasonably be said that the decision in *Russell v Barnet* correctly places the onus on local authorities to continue to look after ancient trees with the manpower and expertise at their disposal.

The root activity of a tree can be controlled by pruning the crown of a tree, and there is no need to fear that local authorities will panic at the decision and fell those trees which can safely be preserved, many of which contribute immeasurably to our urban environment.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. GRUNEWALD,
97 Kings Avenue, SW4.
April 28.

South African footnote

From Mr Peter Elstob

Sir, May I add a footnote to the article (Spectrum, April 26) about Breyten Breytenbach? In January, 1979, I was sent by International PEN to South Africa to try and persuade the authorities to release him. Thanks to the efforts of the Cape Town PEN centre, support from both the English and Afrikaans press and, particularly, to a personal request from Sir David Scott, our ambassador at that time, the Minister of Prisons agreed to see me.

He called in the head of state security and he required that our conversation be tape recorded. I made no comment about the innocence or guilt of Breytenbach nor about the harshness of the sentence, having learned from similar missions that it does not help the prisoner to do so.

I asked if he had not been punished enough and that mercy be now shown to him. I pointed out they could choose how the history books of the future might read; either that one of South Africa's greatest poets had been broken by a long prison sentence and virtually silenced or that a wise and humane government had released him early and he had then produced some of his finest work. South Africa could, I added, do with some favourable publicity just then.

The minister said that the tape would be transcribed and included among the Cabinet's papers at their next meeting. Later I was told that it had been decided that "the time was not ready" for his release.

I do not suggest that the unprecedented remission of two years of Breyten Breytenbach's sentence was due to International PEN's campaign, of which my visit was a small part, but I do think it helped and is, perhaps, worthy of putting on record.

Yours sincerely,
PETER ELSTOB,
Burley Lawn House,
Burley Lawn,
Hampshire.
April 26.

VAT on building

From Mr H. H. Mainprice

Sir, Your leader, "A tax on reconstruction" (April 25), is based on a false premise.

As the solicitor in the solicitor's office at Customs and Excise in 1971 who instructed Parliamentary Counsel to draft the initial legislation, I do not accept that what you refer to as the "anomaly" was always indefensible in principle.

VAT is a consumer tax and repairs and maintenance fall squarely within the ambit of personal consumption. Alteration which, in the vast majority of cases, leads to improvements, and new building work are not consumer expenditure. The direct tax laws recognise this by making a distinction between revenue expenditure and capital expenditure.

Given that the policy, in 1971-72, was to encourage the building of new houses in the domestic sector as well as the modernization of the existing stock, the legislation produced no anomaly. The tax was confined to repair and renovations and improvements were to be encouraged by the zero-rate relief.

Problems in practice arose because of the legalistic interpretations that the customs placed on the statute. These interpretations have, in the main, been held to be incorrect, by the decisions in the Viva Gas and Sharman cases, both by the House of Lords and the Divisional Court.

The customs did not like being shown to be wrong and so persuaded the Chancellor, with the bait of £500m extra revenue, to amend the law to produce the anomaly to which you refer.

It would not be sufficient to remove the zero-rating relief on new works of construction. New buildings would still have a 15 per cent advantage because when they were sold, or leased for more than 21 years, by the person who constructed them, the supply would be zero-rated.

The proper course of action would be to repeal group 8 of Schedule 5 of the VAT Act 1983 in toto. This would place new buildings in exactly the same VAT position as reconstructed ones.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MAINPRICE,
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Vatax House,
11 West Halkin Street, SW1.
April 26.

Landscaping and BR

From Miss Rosemary Bashford

Sir, The letters published on this subject have covered a wide range of views. None, however, has commented upon the value of railway embankments as wildlife habitats.

There is a great deal to be seen from a carriage window and many stopping trains travel slowly enough for an observant onlooker to watch nature at work. Wild plants can grow unmolested along a railway embankment, providing a safe environment for many animal species.

I remember the thrill I had from seeing a little owl on a railway embankment fence post. Waiting to exploit the larder beneath it, the owl was obviously quite accustomed to the noise and rush of the passing trains.

It seems odd that people want to "landscape" an environment that is already being landscaped by the most accomplished expert available – Nature.

Long may BR continue to use her!

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY BASHFORD,
25 Meadow Road,
Alcester,
Warwickshire.
April 30.

Brazilian elections

From Dr Leslie Bethell

Sir, The Brazilian Ambassador (April 26) challenges the statement in a *Times* editorial (April 18) that "no Brazilian under the age of 40 has voted in a free election".

It is true that throughout the period of military rule since 1964 there have been elections by direct secret popular ballot every four years for Congress (whose powers, incidentally, were severely restricted) and for state assembles. But, at least until 1982, these elections could hardly be described as "free".

Opposition parties, candidates and election campaigns (especially access to radio and television) were all carefully controlled and frequent changes in the electoral rules of the game guaranteed majorities in Congress for the party of the regime (ARENA, now PDS). Even in 1982 the parties of the left, including the Brazilian Communist Party, remained illegal.

It is also true that in 1982, for the first time since 1965, state governors (but not in fact, as was suggested, mayors of state capitals and other major cities) were directly elected and the Opposition captured a number of important state governments. However, although Brazil is indeed a federation of states, since 1964 power has been increasingly highly centralized. Brazil is governed from the Planalto palace in Brasilia.

In his letter the ambassador understandably chose not to remind your readers that the last direct popular presidential election in Brazil was held as long ago as 1960 (and even then over 40 per cent of adult Brazilians were disfranchised by their illiteracy). Since 1964 all five presidents have been generals imposed by the military high command.

A 40-year-old Brazilian has never voted in a presidential election. Moreover, despite the present widespread, almost universal, popular (including middle class) dissatisfaction with the 20-year-old regime and despite the movement, so far remarkably peaceful and moderate in view of the economic and social crisis, for *diretas já* (direct presidential elections this year) President Figueiredo's successor is unlikely to be freely chosen by Brazil's 60 million voters.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE BETHELL,
96 Andrewes House,
Barbican, EC2.
April 27.

Betting on the bomb

From Monsignor Bruce Kent

Sir, Coming from a racing family, the Duke of Norfolk ought to realize that those who are, in his brisk terms, "round the bend" (report, May 5) may actually have a clearer view of the course, its hazards and opportunities, than those still painfully making their way in heavy going up the first straight.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE KENT, General Secretary,
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,
11 Goodwin Street, N4.
May 5.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a dinner given at the Royal Academy of Arts on May 14.

Princess Alexandra will visit North Ayrshire District General Hospital at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, on May 14. In the afternoon she will visit Culzean Park Centre, Maybole, Ayrshire.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will be the guest of honour at a dinner at Marlborough House, on May 16, on the occasion of the seventh meeting of the Commonwealth-German-French Joint Committee of the commission.

The Duke of Kent, president of the Football Association, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend the final of the Challenge Cup Competition at Wembley Stadium on May 19.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a concert, given in aid of the Royal Opera House Development Appeal and the Royal Opera House Trust by Mr Luciano Pavarotti, at the Royal Opera House on May 20.

The Duke of Kent, president, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will unveil the Fred Perry Gates and statue at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Wimbledon, on May 20.

The Duke of Edinburgh, president, will attend meetings of the World Wildlife Fund International in Washington, from May 20 to 22.

The Queen will attend the Chelsea Flower Show on May 21.

The Queen will visit the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the Royal Green Jackets in West Germany from May 22 to 25.

Princess Anne, president of the British Olympic Association, will attend the Royal Yachting Association's Weymouth Olympic Regatta, 1984, in Weymouth Bay, Dorset, on May 23.

Princess Alexandra will open Elmbridge, a village developed by the Retirement Homes Association in Cranleigh, Surrey, on May 23.

The Prince of Wales will visit the headquarters of the Ordnance Survey, Southampton, Hampshire, on May 24.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Tideswell and Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on May 29.

A memorial service for Mr John van der Post will take place today at 2pm at Christ Church, Flood Street, Chelsea.



Cardinal Hume preaching in the new Chelsea Methodist Church (Photo: Brian Harris).

Hume opens Methodist church

By Patricia Clough

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, opened a Methodist church yesterday, becoming the first cardinal ever to do so.

He presided over the inauguration of a £1.2m pastoral centre, church, chapel and home for the elderly in the King's Road, Chelsea, built to serve all denominations as well as the local parish.

Cardinal Hume said in a sermon that work for Christian unity, where it concerned doctrinal matters, had "to be very tough", and would be long and difficult. Christians therefore should rejoice at efforts for practical unity such as the King's Road project, which were vitally important to those dispirited by slow progress.

The Rev David Horton, the superintendent minister, said he had invited the cardinal to open the centre "because he represents the kind of spirituality with which we would wish to be associated.

"The work of our church and pastoral centre involves people of all denominations and so it was essential to us that the opening ceremony should be universally Christian."

The centre is squeezed in unobtrusively between the leather jackets and luminous baseball outfits of King's Road punk shops. Above it there are 21 sheltered flats for the elderly with their own roof-garden, giving a superb view over Chelsea.

The centre will be a home for an ecumenical agency to train church workers in community skills and a counselling service run by the Westminster Pastoral Foundation.

Besides the modern atrium-shaped church in teak, plaster and stone, there is a hall for youth and community activities, a coffee bar for groups and passers-by, and a small chapel with an entrance round the corner in Chelsea Manor Street so that "non-churchgoers wanting a little peace can slip in and out unobtrusively".

Science report

Threat to alley cat's favourite haunts

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The untamed, or feral, urban cat, which includes the distinctive black and white markings of T. S. Eliot's Jellicle or Clubland cat, has survived apparently for at least 1,500 years as part of British wildlife. Some colonies in central London are believed to have been firmly established for centuries.

But untamed city alley cats, always at risk from the pest exterminator, face a modern form of population control. They are being trapped, neutered and returned to the site in an operation which is regarded as a humane solution to a difficult problem.

Two studies of this 1980s approach to dealing with the truly untamed cat have arrived at rather different conclusions.

One of the projects reported in the latest issue of *The Veterinary Record* involved the neutering of two colonies of feral cats in Regent's Park, London, about a kilometre apart. Two members of the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare, Mr P. F. Neville and Dr J. Remfry, examined the behaviour of individual cats and the stability of the groups before and after neutering occurred.

They concluded the method was satisfactory in terms of its humaneness and its effectiveness as a means of population control, and recommended it for colonies of wild cats in which the welfare of the animals could be assured after their return to the site.

However, the alley cat has found an unlikely ally who is questioning the gathering support for a national neutering programme favoured by groups such as the RSPCA, the Cat Action Trust and the Universities Federation.



The person who believes the battle of survival of the alley cat may be a close run thing is a film director, Mr James Black. Until recently he did not like cats. However, he was asked to direct a film, for the BBC's *QED* series on May 16, called *A Walk On The Wild Side*.

The background to the film is described by Mr Black in *BBC Wildlife*. When his production team looked for communities of alley cats in London they found plenty in unlikely locations such as Fitzroy Square, Pall Mall, the British Museum, Covent Garden and Fulham Broadway railway station. But all those colonies had been trapped and neutered by cat welfare groups.

Only one location looked promising. That was a two-storey derelict factory site in Camden.

Mr Black said it had become clear that the film should not tell a bland, idealized story of the behaviour of a single colony of wild cats. His team has set out to explain the new influences on the feral cat's ecology.

The neutering campaign has strong arguments behind it. Some colonies cause difficulties: for example, those that take up residence near a hospital or factory. Although the animals can be noisy and smelly, the number of times they might be carriers of disease is small.

The main influence on the survival of the cat has become the cat-feeder. Many colonies are fed regularly of kind-hearted people.

But Mr Black says if a wild city cat sets up a relationship with a feeder, its next visitor could well be the neuterer.

Survival seems to depend on moving away from the smart addresses in central London offering an easy living, and scavenging in the less rewarding areas such as wastegrounds like the derelict Camden factory site.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. C. Bradbeer and Miss B. M. Matthews

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. L. Bradbeer, of Dunsford, Devon, and Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Matthews, of Lyddington, Rutland.

Mr C. H. D. Earle and Miss M. L. Jones

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Col and Mrs D. E. M. Earle, of Kington Langley, Wiltshire and Lucy, daughter of Dr and Mrs W. M. Jones, of Aberystwyth, Dyfed, Wales.

Mr R. H. D. Griffiths and Miss O. B. Wells

The engagement is announced between Richard Hugo Dilsmore, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel W. D. Griffiths, DSO MC, of Hove, East Sussex, and Mrs A. R. C. Watson, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Olivia Bridget, third daughter of Captain and Mrs Thomas A. Wells, of Prinsted, Emsworth, Hampshire.

The Rev H. K. Symes-Thompson and Miss E. M. Pratt

The engagement is announced between Hugh, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Symes-Thompson, of Eton College, and Elizabeth daughter of Mr and Mrs L. H. Pratt, of Harlow.

Marriage

Mr P. J. Bartram and Mrs J. Seeckts

The marriage took place on Friday, May 4, in London of Mr Peter Bartram and Mrs Joanna Seeckts.

The Athenaeum

The committee of the Athenaeum has under the provisions of rule II elected to membership Mr J. H. Harvey-Jones, chairman, Imperial Chemical Industries.

Royal engagements for June

The following engagements for June have been announced from Buckingham Palace:

2. The Prince of Wales, president of International Council of United World Colleges and president of Mary Rose Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends dinner at Sutton Place, near Guildford.

4. The Prince of Wales, patron, Royal Opera, attends performance of *L'Elisir d'amore* to mark Sir Geraint Evans's farewell. The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, attends Younger Brethren's dinner.

5. The Prince of Wales, president of Game Conservancy, will visit headquarters of conservancy at Fordingbridge, Hampshire. As Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, he will later visit Normandy to attend a ceremony at Ranville to commemorate part played in Allied landings in Normandy by 6th Airborne Division. In the evening the Prince attends a reception at St James's Palace given by the Development Commission to mark its seventy-fifth anniversary.

6. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend ceremonies in Normandy to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Normandy landings. They will travel overnight to Normandy in HMY Britannia. The Princess of Wales opens factory and head office of Callard and Bowser Group, Waterton, South Glamorgan.

7. The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee, attends meeting of National Maritime Museum Trustees at Greenwich. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, president of Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association, visits Royal Cornwall Show. The Queen and the Duke attend garden party given by 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards at Burton Court. Princess Anne, President of British Olympic Association, attends Royal Yachting Association's Olympic Ball at the Savoy Hotel.

8. The Queen visits South of England Show at Ardingly. The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, presents new colours to 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) at Howe Barracks, Canterbury. Princess Anne takes Queen's Review at RAF College, Cranwell. Later the Princess attends evening reception given by Institute of London Underwriters to celebrate its centenary at which a new Atlantic-21 lifeboat will be presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, at Guildhall.

9. The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, takes salute at scond rehearsal for Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade.

11. Princess Anne opens new main library at Exeter University and also the new coastguard maritime rescue sub-centre at Brixham. The Prince of Wales, president, the Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends the premiere of film *Indianna Jones and the Temple of Doom* in aid of the trust at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square.

12. Princess Anne opens community hospital at Mold, Clwyd and, as president of Save the Children Fund, visits fund's shop at Mold. Princess Anne, patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, opens Clwyd Special Riding Centre at Llanfyndd, Wrexham. The Duke of Edinburgh, Royal Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple, attends, garden party in aid of inn's scholarship fund appeal at the Inner Temple.

13. The Queen visits RAF Cottesmore. Princess Anne visits HMS St Vincent, Quen's Gate Terrace. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Cambridge University, attends 400th anniversary garden party given by Cambridge University Press in Cambridge. The Prince of Wales visits Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford. Princess Anne visits Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled's unit at Banstead Place, Surrey. Princess Anne, president, British Olympic Association, will attend a concert at the Barbican Centre.

14. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Cambridge University visits university to confer honorary degrees. The Queen visits headquarters of British Council at Spring Gardens to mark their golden jubilee. Princess Anne opens headquarters of the NFU Mutual and Avon Insurance Society at Stratford upon Avon. The Queen witnesses ceremony of Beating Retreat by massed bands of Royal Marines on Horse Guards Parade when the Duke of Edinburgh will take the salute. Princess Anne attends the Royal International Horse Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

15. The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the British Amateur Athletic Board, presents BAAB trophies and world record plaques at Buckingham Palace. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, presents 1984 Prince Philip Medal at Buckingham Palace and subsequently attends a luncheon given by institute at Connaught Hotel. Princess Anne attends Essex Agricultural Society's show.

16. The Queen takes salute at Queen's Birthday Parade. She takes salute at a fly-past of Royal Air Force aircraft from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

17. The Queen attends centenary displays of National Light Horse Breeding Society (HIS), Hackney Horse Society and Cleveland Bay Horse Society at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park.

18. The Queen visits Royal Highland Show at Ingliston to mark its bicentenary. The Duke of Edinburgh visits Rannoch School, Perthshire.

19. The Prince of Wales visits Accidents Investigation Branch of Department of Transport and open new headquarters at Royal Aircraft Establishment Farnborough. Princess Anne visits Bath, opens Knightstone Housing Association's new elderly persons scheme at Ladymead House, St John's Hospital Chandos House extension, and ornamental garden at Royal United Hospital.

20. Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Signals, visits Junior Regiment Royal Signals at Ousten, Northumberland.

21. The Prince of Wales, Chancellor of Wales University, opens library extension at St David's University College, Lampeter. Princess Anne, patron of Riding for the Disabled Association, visits Cumbria groups at Mirehouse, Keswick, and North Manchester group at Bury.

22. Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Signals, visits Plessey at Christchurch, Dorset, and Westdown Camp, Tisbury, Wiltshire, to watch Ptarmigan System Trials. Princess Anne, visits YMCA and opens new wing to association's building in Bournemouth.

25. Princess Anne, Upper Warden of Farriers' Company, attends luncheon at the House of Commons and attends court meeting at Innholders' Hall. Later the Princess attends reception at Martini Terrace, given by London Schools Horse Society to mark twentieth anniversary of first curriculum riding lessons in state schools. The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund, attends gala evening at Blazer's, Windsor.

26. The Queen opens Women's Institute's exhibition "Life and liesure '84" at Olympia. The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of National Maritime Museum, attend Meridian Day festivities in Greenwich Park. The Queen, accompanied by Duke of Edinurgh, opens office development of Crown Estate Commissioners at Drummond Gate, Millbank.

27. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Royal Marines at Poole. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, opens Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury. The Prince and Princess visit the Douglas Arter Centre for multi-handicapped young people at Salisbury. Princess Anne, patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attends a rally in Glasgow. Princess Anne attends concert and reception at Festival hall to celebrate fiftieth anniversary of British Council.

28. The Queen visits Selby Coalfield and Drax Power Station in North Yorkshire. Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, attends commemoration celebrations of Wye College, Ashford, Kent.

29. Princess Anne visits RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire.

30. Pringess Anne, president of Save the Children Fund, attends annual Princess Anne Award ceremony and branches' rally at Leeds Castle, Kent. Princess Anne, Upper Warden of Farriers' Company, attends Master's reception at Guildhall.

Birthdays today

Mr David Attenborough, 58; Mr Jack Charlton, 49; Professor Maurice Cranston, 64; Mr Michael Croft, 62; Miss Heather Harper, 54; Sir Charles Illingworth, 85; Sir Brian Kellett, 62; Mr Norman Lamont, MP, 42; The Right Rev Graham Leonard, 63; Miss Felicity Lott, 37; Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, 70; Mr Alastair Service, 51; Mr John Snagge, 80; Mr Justice Waterhouse, 58.

Reception

HM Government

The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Younger, were hosts at a reception in Edinburgh Castle last night, given on the occasion of the meeting of the council of the International Federation of Accountants.

Farringdon Ward Club

The following have been elected to serve as officers of the Farringdon Ward Club for the ensuing year: President: Miss Sheila J. Needham; Vice-Presidents: Mr Bill Willson-Pemberton (senior) and Mr W. L. Grant (junior).

Solent site to be first official bird sanctuary

An area on the Hampshire coast has become the first site in the country to be declared a bird sanctuary under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. The site, close to the mouth of the river Beaulieu, is owned by Lord Montagu, who has backed the creation of a natural haven for birds.

The Department of the Environment has designated the area at Needs Ore Point, Gull Island and Warren Shore Island in Hampshire as a Sanctuary.

It is noted as a breeding site for rare sea birds, including the Little Tern during the summer months and as a feeding and roosting ground for waders and wildfowl, particularly Black-tailed Godwits and Brent Geese, at other times of the year.

Under the order, which creates the site an area of special protection for birds, access to Gull Island will be forbidden all year and Warren Shore Island and Needs Ore Point will be closed to the public during the breeding season, from March 1 to July 31. The maximum fine for offences against the birds will be doubled under the order to £1,000.

Appeal to save historic northern houses

By John Young

An eighteenth-century Palladian mansion, which has stood empty and neglected for more than 30 years, will open its doors to the Duke of Gloucester on Thursday.

The Duke is visiting Alnwick, Northumberland, to inspect some of the restoration work carried out by the Northern Heritage Trust, which was set up only 18 months ago to try to save the hundreds of decaying historic buildings in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham, Cleveland and North Yorkshire.

Belford Hall, built in 1754 to a design by James Paine with later additions by John Dobson, is the largest of the Trust's projects. It is being converted into apartments at a cost of about £500,000.

Other schemes include the restoration of three town houses in Whitby, an abandoned fifteenth-century church in Gateshead.

An appeal for £300,000 to provide working capital is to be launched at a luncheon attended by the Duke.

Narrow win for bridge team

The fifth Dartmoor Jersey Bridge Congress ended on Sunday after 10 days' play with Mrs A. L. Fleming's Kent and Warwickshire team achieving a narrow victory in the Laing and Cruickshank's teams championship, which attracted a record entry of 66 teams (a bridge correspondent writes).

Mrs Fleming's team took an early lead which they maintained for three days. They seemed to be coasting home when in need of only 14 points from their last match to ensure victory, even if neither of their nearest rivals scored a maximum 20 points. Two expensive errors caused a loss but both their rivals also lost to put the Fleming team ahead. Results were:

Championship teams: 1, Mrs A L Fleming, Mrs V A Bingham (Kent), G F Howard, C E Weston (Warwicks), 170 pts; 2, J D Baker, D F Huggett, A D Dinnen, F Holchin (Hants), 168 pts; 3, after a split tie, Dr S J Kundu, D Nelson, S Wood, P Cardwell (Warwicks), 168 pts; 4, D Romain (Jersey), J G Faulkner (Essex), P J Williams (Herts), B Jackson (London), 162 pts; 5, Mr and Mrs E Neal, Mr and Mrs J Walters (Herts), 159 pts

Pairs championship: 1, N L J Davies, J Bentley (Surrey); 2, Mr and Mrs G C H Fox (London).

Mixed pairs: 1, Mr and Mrs J Walters (Herts); 2, S Mitchell, Mrs G Mollart (Surrey).

Army Records Society launched

The Army Records Society, which plans to publish original documents describing the development and activities of the Army, was officially launched last week.

The society, based at the National Army Museum in Chelsea, is appealing for members and funds to help to underwrite the cost of its first projects, which include the publication of the military correspondence of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, who was murdered by Irish nationalists in Belgravia in 1922.

University news

Trust set up for Blake studies

Essex

A trust is being established to encourage William Blake studies. It is being endowed by Mrs E. Mary Bean, of Sudbury, and her husband.

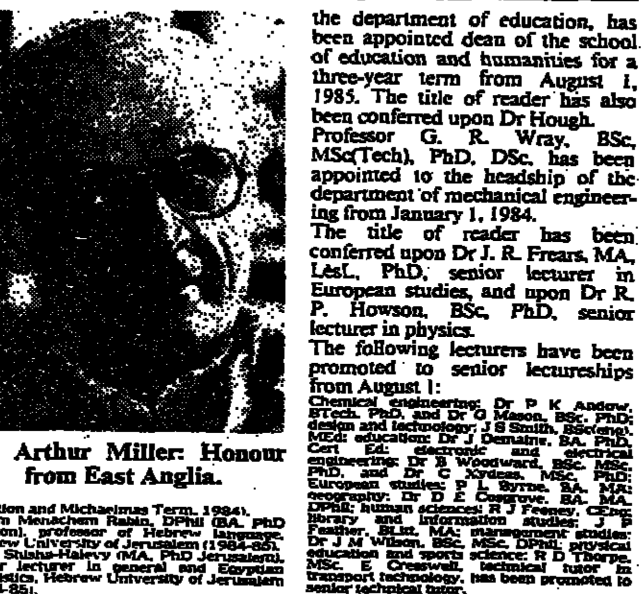
Mrs Bean, a former Suffolk schoolmistress, has made a life-long study of Blake. She has given a complete set of William Blake Trust facsimiles to the university already.

The Bean Trust for Blake Studies will be used initially to fund an annual Blake lecture, the first being given today by Dr David Bindman, reader in art history at Westfield College, London University, on "Mr Blake the Engraver".

Oxford

The following elections to visiting fellowships at Wolfson College have been made:

Malachi Beit-Arie (MA, PhD Hebrew University of Jerusalem), director, Jewish National and University Library; associate professor of codicology and palaeography, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, (1984-85).
G S Boolos, BPhil (BA Princeton, PhD MIT), professor of philosophy, MIT (Trinity Term, 1984).
J E Cribbet (BA, Hon LLD Illinois Wesleyan Univ, JD University of Illinois) Chancellor and professor of law, University of Illinois (Michaelmas Term, 1984).
J H Crouwel (Doctorate, Amsterdam), senior lecturer in classical archaeology, University of Amsterdam (1984-85).
G A Hay (BS Le Moyne, MA, PhD Northwestern), professor of law and economics, Cornell University (July 84-July 85)
Victor E Henrich (BSE, MS, PhD Michigan), professor of applied physics, Yale University (Hilary and Trinity Terms, 1984).
Tomomasa Imai (MA Tokyo), associate professor of philosophy, Chiba University (1984-85).
Abe Krash (AB, JD Chicago), visiting lecturer in law, Yale University (Michaelmas Term, 1984).
H D Krause (AB, JD Michigan), professor of law, University of Illinois (Michaelmas Term, 1984).
H Luntz, BCL (BA, LLB Witwatersrand, LLD Melbourne), professor of law, University of Melbourne (Trinity and Michaelmas Terms, 1984).
C E Vandervord Nixon (BA Melbourne, PhD Michigan), senior lecturer in ancient history, Macquarie University (long vacation and Michaelmas Term, 1984).
Chaim Menachem Rabin, DPhil (BA, PhD London), professor of Hebrew language, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1984-85).
Ariel Shisha-Halevy (MA, PhD Jerusalem), senior lecturer in general and Egyptian linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1984-85).
Reuven Yaron, DPhil (MJ Jerusalem), professor of Roman law and ancient near Eastern laws, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1984-85).






Mr Arthur Miller: Honour from East Anglia.

Loughborough

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following at degree congregations on July 12 and 13:

DTech: Sir Edward Parkes, Vice-Chancellor, Leeds University, and Mr N K Chan, member of Hongkong Legislative Assembly and Secretary for Land and Works.
DSc: Mr K Durham, Chairman of Unilever, and Mr D H Roberts, FRS, technical director, General Electric Company.
DLitt: Dr W Taylor, Principal of the London University, Professor G W G Wickham, professor of drama, Bristol University, and Lord Trend, University Visitor and lately Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford.

Professor F. D. Hales, professor of surface transport and head of the department of transport technology, has been appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor, to serve until July 31, 1985.

Dr J. R. Hough, senior lecturer in the department of education, has been appointed dean of the school of education and humanities for a three-year term from August 1, 1985. The title of reader has also been conferred upon Dr Hough.

Professor G. R. Wray, BSc, MSc(Tech), PhD, DSc, has been appointed to the headship of the department of mechanical engineering from January 1, 1984.

The title of reader has been conferred upon Dr J. R. Frears, MA, LèsL, PhD, senior lecturer in European studies, and upon Dr R. P. Howson, BSc, PhD, senior lecturer in physics.

The following lecturers have been promoted to senior lectureships from August 1:

Chemical engineering: Dr P K Andow, BTech, PhD, and Dr G Mason, BSc, PhD; design and technology: J S Smith, BSc(eng), MEd; education: Dr J Demaine, BA, PhD, Cert Ed; electronic and electrical engineering: Dr B Woodward, BSc, MSc, PhD, and Dr C Xydeas, MSc, PhD; European studies: P L Byrne, BA, MA; geography: Dr D E Cosgrove, BA, MA, DPhil; human sciences: R J Feeney, CEng; library and information studies: J P Feather, BLitt, MA; management studies: Dr J M Wilson, BSc, MSc, DPhil; physical education and sports science: R D Thorpe, MSc. E Cresswell, technical tutor in transport technology, has been promoted to senior technical tutor.

East Anglia

Lord Franks, Chancellor of the university, is to retire from office at the end of the year.

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following on July 12 and 13:

LittD: Professor F H Hahn, professor of economics, Cambridge University, Mr Arthur Miller, the American playwright, and Professor Bernhard Zeller, director of the Deutsches Literatur-Archiv.

ScD: Professor Eugen Seibold, director of the geological institute, Keil University.

The Chancellor, will confer two further honorary degrees as part of the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science on September 10:

ScD: Sir Geoffrey Allen, FRS, chairman of the council of the British Association for the Advancement of Science; Sir Alastair Pilkington, FRS, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1983-84.

OBITUARY

DR J. C. SMITH

Organic chemistry

Dr John Charles Smith, former Reader in Organic Chemistry at Oxford, died in Poole on March 31.

Smith was born at Wellington, New Zealand, in 1900. He was educated at Wellington College and Victoria College, University of New Zealand, where he read chemistry, geology, physics and mathematics. He graduated (B.Sc.) in 1920 and began his career in chemical research at Victoria College and in Auckland. He came to England to work with Professor (later Sir Robert) Robinson at Manchester, where he took a Ph.D. degree, and where he remained until 1926.

Because he was convinced that a pulp and paper industry both ought to be and could be developed in New Zealand, Smith next migrated to Canada to work, first with H. Hibbert at the newly opened Department of Industry and Cellulose Chemistry at McGill University, and then in the paper industry itself.

He was unable to convince those who could have helped to develop this industry in New Zealand, so he returned to England to take up academic research again, this time in W. H. Perkin's laboratory in Oxford.

He remained at Oxford for the rest of his academic career. He became a Demonstrator in the old Chemistry Department in 1928 and in 1931 moved to the Dyson Perrins Laboratory where he became a University Demonstrator and finally, in 1955, a Reader in Organic Chemistry.

Smith worked on many topics in organic chemistry – benzene orientation, alkaloids, the peroxide effects, aliphatic hydrocarbons, naphthalenes – but his abiding interest lay in long-chain aliphatic compounds, in which field he did much pioneering work, a good deal of which was of a quantitative nature. He achieved syntheses of hydrocarpic, tariric and ricinoleic acids.

He was also a pioneer in the development of micro-analysis in Britain. He spent two summers in Graz with Professor Fritz Pregl, after which training he set up at Manchester in 1924 the first micro-analytical laboratory to be established in England. A great admirer of the experimental skill of his teachers, T. H. Easterfield and Pregl, Smith developed a no lesser skill of his own: the substances he prepared were as pure as human endeavour could make them and he was constantly asked, by workers all over the world, to supply them with samples for physical measurements.

During his long period at the Dyson Perrins laboratory he supervised many research students, but he also got to know all the hundreds of others who did research there. He never forgot any of them and it was nearly always he whom they sought out first when they revisited the laboratory.

He married in 1946 Dr Vera Walker (née Reader), also a graduate of Victoria College, New Zealand.

MR WILLIAM CULICAN

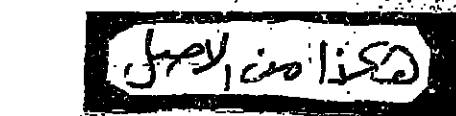
Mr William Culican, Reader in Archaeological History at the University of Melbourne who died in Melbourne on March 23 at the age of 55, was an authority on the ancient civilisations of the East Mediterranean area. He specialized particularly in the Phoenicians and their westward expansion, and made important contributions to this subject.

A native of Lancashire, he received a Jesuit education at Preston Catholic College, and after national service in West Germany he studied at the Universities of Edinburgh and Oxford. In 1960 he was appointed Lecturer in Biblical Archaeology at the University of Melbourne, being promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1964 and, in the Department of History to which he had moved in 1966, to Reader in 1972.

Culican made his reputation early in his career with two books which are still widely consulted, *The Medes and the Persians* published in 1965 in the "Ancient Peoples and Places" series, and *The First Merchant Venturers* (1966). Thereafter he might well have sat on his laurels, but instead a stream of important articles flowed from his pen. Most of these dealt with aspects of Phoenician culture, and his long-awaited section on Phoenicia for the revised edition of the *Cambridge Ancient History* had been completed before his death.

He travelled widely in the Near East and the Mediterranean, and took part in many excavations, including Jericho, and two sites in Sicily, the Phoenician port of Motya and the shipwreck off Marsala. He was lately directing an excavation at the important Bronze Age site of El-Qitar in Syria. Outside the Middle East his interest extended to Australian and related archaeology, where he did pioneering work.

Bill Culican, as he was known, will be remembered for his jovial companionship and endearing eccentricities, his lively and witty mind, an impish sense of fun. He leaves a widow, Dinny, and children, five sons and two daughters.



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GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	81.02 (81.40)
FIXED INTEREST	85.83 (85.69)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	915.4 (922.8)
GOLD MINES	665.1 (671.4)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.27% (4.24%)
EARNINGS YIELD	9.89% (9.82%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.23 (12.29)
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 30. Dealings End, May 11. § Contango Day, May 14. Settlement Day, May 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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INDUSTRIAL GROUP	532.86 (536.33)
500 SHARE INDEX	583.97 (587.34)
EST EARNINGS YIELD	9.92 (9.89)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.18% (4.14%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.53 (12.60)
ALL SHARE INDEX	534.13 (534.26)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.36% (4.34%)

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
70.4m	Hogg Robinson	206	–1	9.0	4.4	18.8
715.1m	Legal & Gen	471	–9	28.4	5.6	..
467.6m	Lib Life SA Rl	£33½	..	118	3.5	..
124.2m	London & Man	478	+12	23.5	4.9	..
24.4m	Ldn Utd Inv	208	–7	15.7	7.6	8.8
1,059.3m	Marsh & McLen	£29⅝	–1⅜	125	4.4	13.3
126.3m	Minet Hldgs	164	–9	7.4	4.5	..
272.5m	Pearl	757	● –42	47.1	6.2	..
266.0m	Phoenix	436	–12	28.3	6.5	..
1,411.3m	Prudential	473	–8	27.1	5.7	..
96.6m	Refuge	463	–3	10.5	2.3	..
1,030.2m	Royal	546	–22	40.7	7.5	..
575.2m	Sedgwick Grp	264	–7	11.4	4.3	14.2
87.4m	Stewart W'son	401	–5	21.4	5.3	13.6
725.6m	Sun Alliance	£14⅝	+¼	80.0	5.4	..
320.6m	Sun Life	556	● –25	23.5	4.2	..
14.8m	Trade Indem'ty	205	+15	10.7	5.2	..
331.2m	Willis Faber	614	● –20	30.0	3.7	17.3

OIL

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
5,303,000	Marler Estates	109	–2	2.9	2.6	
19.2m	Mountleigh	275	–5	7.9n	2.9	11.6
5,202,000	Municipal	£13⅝		14.3	1.3	28.9
63.8m	Peachey Prop	219	+2	8.9	4.1	25.6
49.9m	Prop & Rever	184	+2	5.0	2.7	37.6

MISCELLANEOUS

PLANTATIONS

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
14.6m	Wingate Prop	112	●	2.1	1.9	29.3
9,769,000	Woodchester Inv	173		5.6n	3.2	15.7
11.0m	XYLLYX	55	+6			
4,044,000	Yelverton Inv	51	+5			13.0
4,300,000	Yorkgreen Inv	28	● +1	2.0n	7.1	12.0
660,000	York Mount	66	–3	7.1	10.8	6.3
3,811,000	Zygal Dynamics	103	–6	2.1n	1.0	16.1

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

FIXED INTEREST STOCKS

EUROBONDS

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8½
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed 8⅞
3 month interbank 9¼ - 9⅛

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11⅟₁₆ - 11³⁄₁₆
3 month DM 5¾ - 5⅝
3 month Fr F12¹¹⁄₁₆ - 12⁹⁄₁₆

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.00
Fed funds 9⅞
Treasury long bond 92⅛ - 92¼

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $378.30 pm $376.70
close $376.50 - 377.00 (£267.25-267.75)

New York (close): $378.00
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$387.50 - 389.00 (£275.00-276.00)
Sovereigns* (new):
$88.50-89.50 (£62.75-63.50)
*Excludes VAT



THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Leaving the debt game while you're ahead

In as much privacy as its European participants can achieve, a seminar of central bankers in New York this week is discussing the next phase of the international debt crisis. Of course, such foresight is admirable. Indeed, the central banks' management – and the Bank of England's in particular – of the human and technical problems involved in the debt drama so far has been more than admirable. It is possible, just the same, that these skilful, managing central bankers are now being misled by their past success.

Recipe for 1984 is same again

To take stock: since 1982, when banks were forced to turn their attention from the hard currency shortages of East European governments to the huge debt mountains of Latin America, the scale of debt rescheduling has multiplied. Last year, about 30 developing countries were engaged in negotiations with their creditors, the result of which was, according to calculations by the International Monetary Fund, to reduce their debt service payments by about $19,000m. They did not get away with an easy ride: in 1983, the developing world was forced to cut back its imports by $34,000m, at considerable cost to its weakest members but default was averted, and central bankers breathed again.

With accumulated rescheduling expertise, the recipe for 1984 appears to be: the same again. Perhaps another $19,000m will be smoothed off debt payments due this year, and pushed into the future. So the central bankers have turned their attention to that future, when another debt bulge threatens in the late 1980s. Meanwhile, the borrowers should find life a little easier: rising world demand should increase their export earnings, while the austerity measures of the past year are beginning to yield an improvement in their international reserves.

With more time to plan, the central bankers and their governments have been dreaming up fancier schemes. The American favourite appears to be a "cap" on interest rates paid by developing-country governments. The idea is rather like that made popular by Mrs Thatcher in the British general election of 1974, when she proposed a cap on mortgage rates. In both cases, the argument is that certain classes of borrowers deserve protection from movements in market rates, which are quite outside their control. Since much developing-country borrowing is at variable rates, the one percentage point by which American prime rate has risen this past month could cost them as much as $3.5 billion a year.

But the idea makes as little sense in the international market-place as it did in the British context. American enthusiasm is understandable; the Administration is keen to defuse explosive international anger at the further rise in US interest rates. It is not, however, clear why other governments – through the international institutions – or the private banks should be asked to pay for the consequences of American economic policy by stumping up their share of interest-rate subsidies.

What is more, the effect of such a scheme would be to channel yet more of the available finance into the hands of the big borrowers, where too much of it is going already. The process of "successful" rescheduling has been that a rising share of international bank lending has gone to half a dozen big borrowers. Truly voluntary lending to other Third-World countries has virtually dried up.

The sufferers from this contraction are not just those poor countries, but the world as a whole. The sudden contraction in American Third World struggle to rebuild reserves, has turned American banks into net borrowers from the rest of the world. This, in turn, means the Third World is involuntarily financing the American budget deficit, while – as Simon Coates argues in a special research paper today – the drying-up of American lending is helping to push up the dollar.

It is at this point in the argument that central bankers should stop worrying about the future and ask themselves whether present policies are working to the benefit of the Third World as a whole. With Mexico, and with Brazil, there is not much doubt that the massive concentration of resources was worth the cost, and that the adjustment programmes initiated by both countries were a fair – and even an excessive – price paid in terms of national suffering. But there is a rather different test case simmering in the shape of Argentina. The argument for generosity, or at least flexibility, by the creditors is the same as in every previous rescheduling: that if agreement is not reached, the ripple of default through the western banking system will be costlier than coming to terms.

Ripple of default in Latin America

But there are limits to that argument, as it is possible for some government or other to overstep them. A far more difficult question to settle in advance is the effect of default in one country on the government of another, attempting to hold its electorate to an unpopular adjustment course. For fear of a ripple of default through Latin America, the West's central bankers have rightly urged their commercial colleagues way down the path of negotiation. Contingency plans are necessary for the day that path proves too long.

Much planning for the future should take the unpopular form of resisting protectionism in the industrial world and encouraging direct investment in the developing world. Neither process needs seminars in New York to prove its necessity, only political will in the two halves of the world. Among the central bankers' schemes, the most sensible is the plan for insurance of bank lending put forward by Mr Heny Wallich of the Federal Reserve Board. It could be financed by the banks themselves: and it would help to restart the flow of commercial loans to countries which were too small or too poor to have borrowed the entry fee for today's expensive game of bluff.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

US dealers lift dollar to record in volatile trading

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The dollar spurted ahead in European and New York foreign exchange markets yesterday reaching a record high against the pound and its best levels against the Deutsche mark for three months.

The familiar spectre of rising US interest rates propelled the dollar upwards while the threat of industrial action in the German engineering industry and the absence of significant intervention by the German central bank contributed to the mark's weakness.

Trade was thin and volatile with the important London markets closed for the May Day bank holiday. After rising strongly in the Far East, the dollar soon broached DM2.76 against the Deutsche mark in European trading before closing in Frankfurt at DM2.7590 – 3.8 pfennigs above its close in London at the end of last week.

However, United States markets soon took up the running, chasing the dollar up to DM2.7757 by early afternoon in New York and dealers were predicting that the US currency could soon be testing DM2.80.

Sterling was on the sidelines with London closed and was not under any great selling pressure. But the dollar's advance pushed it down as low as $1.3860 in the US markets. This compares with an all-time low during London trading of $1.3910 on January 9 this year.

Sterling held up reasonably well on its trade-weighted index during last week but its performance on the exchanges will be closedly watched today for any sign of weakness which could add to pressure for a rise in interest rates.

Concern was mounting towards the end of last week that the clearing banks will soon respond to upward moves in money market rates by increasing their base lending rates to 9 per cent from 8.5 per cent, or 8.75 per cent in the case of Barclays.

Today's April money supply figures are expected to be a crucial influence. Some analysts believe that if money supply growth emerges in line with the gloomier predictions of an increase in £M3 in April of more than 1 per cent, then a rise in bank base rates may be unavoidable.

The recent comments from Dr Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers that US interest rates could move spectacularly higher later this year or next, were still helping to push the dollar higher yesterday and Eurodollar rates were also edging higher, widening the gap between European and dollar interest rates.

Further signs of the US administration's concern over the monetery policy of the Federal Reserve Board emerged at the weekend. Mr Donald Regan, US Treasury Secretary, said in a television interview that the Fed may have overreacted in March when it moved to restrict money growth to combat a resurgance in inflation. He said the Fed must supply enough money to keep the recovery going.

Firms face tax rise

Budget changes in corporation tax may increase the amount of tax paid by companies, leading the Government to cut the eventual rate of corporation tax from 35 to 30 per cent, Mr Christopher Johnson, group economic adviser, argues in the latest issue of the *Lloyds Bank Economic Bulletin*.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Smith and Nephew Associated Companies (first quarter), Akroyd and Smithers, Arenson Group, Frederick Cooper, Five Oaks Investments, MTD (Mangula), Richards. Finals: Ambrose Investment Trust, Barr and Wallace Arnold Trust, British Home Stores, Commercial Bank of the Near East, Costain Group, John Crowther Group, Garnar Booth, Gieves Group, London United Investments, More O'Ferrall, Simon Engineering, Weipac.

TOMORROW – Interims: Associated Paper Industries, Castle (GB), Trafalgar House, Ultramar (first quarter). Finals: European Ferries, External Investment Trust, Foster Brothers Clothing, Lee Cooper Group, Oceana Development Investment Trust.

THURSDAY – Interims: AE, BOC Group, Fitch Lovell, GR Holdings, Lloyds and Scottish, North Atlantic Securities, Royal Bank of Scotland, Royal Insurance (quarter), Vaux Breweries, Warner Estate Holdings. Finals: James Beattie, Debenhams, Dataserv Inc., John Foster, Gerrard and National, Holt Lloyd International, King and Shaxson, Porter Chadburn, UEI, Ward White Group.

FRIDAY – Interims: Reliant Motor, Herman Smith. Finals: Tern-Consulate.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Changes on week

FT-SE 100 Index: 1134.0 down 4.2
FT Index: 915.4 up 7.4
FT Gilts: 81.02 down 0.96
Bargains: 23.297 up 2.281
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 118.34 up 4.34
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average (close) 1165.31 down 9.1
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 11,190.17 up 208.49
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1002.57 down 51.73

CURRENCIES

Changes on week

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.4095 up 80pts
Index 80.5 up 0.8
DM 3.8375 up 0.0425
FrF 11.7700 up 0.13
Yen 320.00 up 2.0

Dollar
Index 129.6 up 0.7
DM 2.7210 up 0.0415

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4020
Dollar DM 2.7410

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.585904
SDR £0.746527

Opec quota likely to be held

Demands by some members that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' overall production quota of 17.5 million barrels a day should be relaxed were headed off at the weekend at the monitoring committee's meeting in Vienna.

It now seems that Opec's full *ministerial meeting in July will* again present a united face. Observers expect the official market price of $29 a barrel to remain unchanged, and that any increase in production quotas will be marginal, perhaps to 18.2 million barrels.

The monitoring committee has avoided making any recommendation on increasing the quotas

● A GIANT oilfield of more than 100 million barrels of recoverable oil has been found in the Beaufort sea, about five miles off the coast of Alaska, Shell Oil announced at the weekend. Production should begin in about 10 years.

● J SAINSBURY, Britain's biggest grocer, was named yesterday the most outstanding *international food retailer by the* Food Marketing Institute in the *United States*.

● LORD LEVER is to lead a Commonwealth study of the developing contries' debt problem.

● FOOTWEAR SALES into the trade on annual comparison rose 7.2 per cent in volume in February, but while imports rose 10.3 per cent British manufacturers delivered only an additional 1.9 per cent into the shops, according to the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation.

● LOW LEVELS of capital investment in some leading British companies are criticized in a survey of capital spending by the 50 largest manufacturing companies published today in *Labour Research*. It says 13 companies, including Hawker Siddeley, Rolls-Royce, British Shipbuilders and Lucas were investing less than £1,000 a head in 1982-83, compared with an average of £1,642 and the exceptionally high £5,727 per *head invested by Ford Motor* Company.

British Sugar plans £2m sales push

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

British Sugar, taken over by S & W Berisford about 18 months ago, is adopting a new sales strategy, with £1m allocated for advertising in magazines and as much again on other promotions.

It could increase its already substantial, though often underestimated, share of the £500m British sugar market, but it is also preparing to launch a wider range of products under the company's Silver Spoon brand.

It is a big chance for British Sugar which spent has comparitively little on marketing. But it already claims 62 per cent of the retail market. Its only big rival is Tate & Lyle. The two companies reportedly share about 86 per cent of the industrial market, supplying food manufacturers and soft drink makers.

Peter Gibbs: "Biggest advertising campaign"

The sugar market has been declining gradually by about 3 per cent a year. In industrial use of sugar, accounting for about two thirds of consumption, soft drink manufacturers have been using more sugar, while bakery products have used less.

Mr Peter Gibbs, the company's marketing and sales director, said: "This will be the biggest ever advertising campaign by a sugar manufacturer."

THF stake in Savoy draws bids

By Derek Pain

Trusthouse Forte, the catering and hotel group, has had several approaches to buy its holding in the Savoy Hotel group, it was disclosed yesterday. But Lord Forte, THF chairman, emphasized that the stake was not for sale.

One offer came from Mr Ivan F. Boesky, one of New York's most active share traders. He bid £65m for the THF interest, which represents 69 per cent of the capital but because of the Savoy's two-tier voting structure, only 42.3 per cent of the votes.

Most of the THF shareholding is a legacy from a bitter takeover battle in which THF failed to win control of the Savoy three years ago.

Mr Boesky, who is expected in some quarters to make a higher bid, refused from New York yesterday to confirm his interest in the Savoy. He said: "It is not cricket to comment on any such discussion and negotiations that involve third parties." Mr Boesky, who has hotel interests in the US, added: "We have a great deal of respect for the Savoy."

It also emerged yesterday that Mr Boesky approached the Savoy just after THF's bid failed with a plan to merge the Beverly Hotels Corporation where he is a director, with the Savoy. But the deal failed to win the Savoy board's support.

New satellite proposals

A British company, Britsat, yesterday unveiled proposals to launch two satellites for direct broadcasts to homes in Britain and Ireland.

The plans were disclosed in anticipation of an announcement today from Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, of a go-ahead for the £400m direct broadcasting satellite programme aimed at meeting the 1987 deadline of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill.

Britsat's plan is to have two satellites orbising the Earth, beaming televison pictures to dish aerials outside people's homes.

Britsat is in competition with United Satellites, which is backed by British Telecom, British Aerospace and GEC-Marconi.

ORDINARY SHARES

Opening time for brewery investors

In just two months, the brewery sector has shown an outstandingly good performance with a rise of 21.1 per cent, considerably better than the 8.9 per cent improvement in the All Share Index. Having been placed very near the bottom of the league tables in the first two months of 1984, the sector is now very much up with the front runners. The causes include post-Budget relief, further signs of sales recovering and the added bonus of a "Brewers' Easter".

These influences favour sales but it would be wrong to overlook the proposed Corporation Tax changes announced in the Budget which will be of tremendous benefit, given that brewers invested heavily in outlets but suffered from harsh discrimination in terms of low capital allowances. For most brewers net profits will rise, as the tax changes progress. Some see rises of up to a third above the levels which would have been experienced on the existing basis.

The mere fact of having achieved a good performance in just two months should not detract from the fact that, even after this rise, the sector is showing a relative decline of 4.6 per cent over the last 12 months. Thus, in some senses, the visibly superb performance since the end of February should not be taken to imply that the "fun" is over, but perhaps rather more that the "fun" has just started.

The next "Brewery Results Season" is due to commence. Virtually every company in the industry is due to announce either interim or preliminary figures over the next eight weeks. In the main, these results should show very satisfactory profit rises, although there will be some disappointments.

More importantly, the omens are encouraging for rather better growth in the second half of the brewing year to the end of September, 1984. The prospect of good results has been fuelled by a resurgence of interest following the takeover of Border by Marston on terms that many view as very generous to Border's shareholders, and more recently the acquisition of Cameron from Ellerman by Scottish & Newcastle.

This seems a sound move by Scottish, but Messrs. D. R. and F. H. Barclay (the owners of Ellerman for just six months) have clearly proved that their purchase was not simply "an absolute snip" but more realistically "a bargain of unparalleled magnitude."

Against a background of good news, some companies have been affected by strikes and disputes among their customers. In this context, mention should be made of those companies with a "coal mining" interest. Until last year such companies were, relatively speaking, basking in the pleasant backlash of high levels of prosperity and the rising disposable incomes of their customers.

However, they are now suffering, initially following the miners' overtime ban which clearly syphoned off a lot of "beer money" and then more recently from the further difficulties in the coal mining industry.

In this category might fall both Hardys & Hanson and Mansfield. The shares of both companies have shown a relative decline in the past year of 47.6 per cent and 37.9 per cent respectively. Neither might resume any share price supremacy unless/until the prosperity status quo of coal mining areas is restored and debt levels of their existing customers repaid.

In a sector viewed as attractively priced, as many believe the brewery sector is, it often pays to look for the poor performers in the hope or belief that their share prices have rather more catching up to do. This particular method of selection would, however, suggest a number of companies which are still quite highly rated and, for the present, does not seem to be particularly apt.

The running is still very much with the major brewers. Whitbread, with preliminary results due shortly, has recovered some of its earlier share price setback (in relative terms) but the rating might still reflect an element of concern (unjustified) about past acquisitions as well as the recent seeming spate of new purchases, changes within the company and the apparent lack of much hard fact about the company's position and prospects.

Priced at 175p and valued at 13 times historic earnings, there would seem to be scope for further recovery and the ample asset support, with a net asset value probably in excess of 230p per share, is an additional prop.

At the other end of the spectrum, mention should be made of a relatively new entrant to the sector–Brewmaker, which entered the USM last November. The company was formed in 1973 as a wholesaler of beer and wine kits with soft drink concentrates added to the product range in 1979. In the last six years there has been a spectacular, nearly tenfold, rise in profits brought about by the markets supplied by the company growing rapidly and market share itself advancing.

Future volume growth is expected to exceed 20 per cent per annum. Although there is the ever-present risk of some form of taxation being introduced on home brewing and wine making, this could, in practical terms, be difficult if not impossible to implement.

Priced at 44p, Brewmaker shares are valued at 15.2 times published earnings which seems low for those who view the company as being able to continue to attain good growth and can accept the restrictions of limited marketability.

Greenall Whitley, formerly regarded as a regional rather than a major brewer, now really qualifies as a major company given its market capitalization, the expansion of its non-beer interests and the company's diversification aspirations. The acceptance that the company should now be viewed as a major brewer could well enhance the rating.

Apart from this, the profit outlook does seem very good this year with much lower losses likely from the tour operations of Arrowsmith; somewhat higher beer profits not least resulting from £10m spent on outlets last year which should provide a full contribution this year; further rapid growth from wines and spirits; and a continuing improvement from hotels.

The shares are priced at 156p and valued at 12.3 times historic earnings and further strength might well be seen even following a 15 per cent rise in the share price in the last four weeks.

The sector appears to have scope to go further. Contributing factors include rationalization, improving beer volume prospects, greater awareness within the industry of the astonishingly high cost of under-pricing in the take-home and free trade and encouraging trends in catering, hotels and wine turnover. Above all, knowledge is spreading about the generally low return on capital employed, bringing in its wake much-needed efforts to seek improvement.

In a sense, "opening time" for investors has just started and it might be some while yet before "time gentlemen, please" is called.

Colin Mitchell

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THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

Vicious circle of anxiety

Michael Jankowski

Fear and greed, two psychological factors affecting the performance of the gilt-edged market, have tended to operate in tandem. Recently, the former has dominated investor behaviour.

From the middle of last month, the poor performance of the US bond market created anxieties. The gilt market drifted down to the lower end of its trading range which had been in existence since last November. Recently, concern about the degree of monetary policy restraint led to greater caution in the money and credit markets. Money market rates rose and gilt edged prices fell. Chartists could now begin to argue that the gilt-edged market is a major sell. Credit markets are, therefore, in a very fragile state.

Trading is, however, very thin. In such conditions it takes very little selling pressure to raise rates. At these times, the structure of market rates, is unrepresentative of expectations. Regardless, the level of rates that results only rekindles the fears, and has pushed rates into a self-fulfilling vicious circle.

The justification for such an upward movement in money market rates is difficult to comprehend. The economy is by no means overheating. Unemployment is still rising and vacancies are trending downwards. Manufacturing production is still below its long run potential level. For overheating to become evident, manufacturing production would have to be significantly higher than this level.

Retail price inflation is showing a slower acceleration than most expectations while the current account balance is still in surplus – a performance also better than expected. Sterling's value across a basket of currencies has remained stable with undesirable strength against the Deutsche mark. Domestic and international economic factors definitely do not point to a situation where base rates need to rise.

Growth in the money supply, it is argued, points to the need for a rise. Monetary growth, allegedly, is too rapid and may create problems in the future for inflation. Without stressing too strongly that any established relationship between monetary growth and inflation broke down in the early 1980s, growth in the two target measures of money do not appear excessive. The narrow measure of money, Mo, is growing at a rate consistent with the lower end of its 4-8 per cent target range. If my forecast of a 0.2 per cent rise in Mo for April is correct, (to be released today) Mo growth will be growing at a rate below 4 per cent.

The broader target measure on money, £M3, is in a similar position. Its underlying growth is in the 8-10 per cent range. This compares with a target range of 6-10 per cent. It is true that there was some acceleration in March. Much of this acceleration was due to low net government funding in the gilt-edged market – a factor having a great deal to do with the *authorities' support of the low* and medium coupon end of the short-dated gilt market after the changes in the tax treatment of building societies' gilt-edged transactions. Using my estimate of a 0.8 per cent rise in £M3 for April (also released today) underlying growth in £M3 would remain in the aforementioned 8-10 per cent range. This would leave both target measures of money growing at rates consistent with or below the ranges set in the budget. So why the higher money rates?

The market's concern *remains with another money* measure PSL2. This broad measure includes both banks' and building societies' deposits. Its growth has accelerated from about 10 per cent per annum to over 16 per cent in recent months. Does its behaviour justify the recent movement in rates?

The major impetus to PSL2 growth in the past few months has come from the building societies. Although they are lending slightly more for mortgages, this lending has not been the major factor raising PSL2.

Since November, the building society movement increased the proportion of its total assets held in liquid from from 18½ per cent to about 20 per cent. Such a rise in liquidity bears no relation to current mortgage demand but generates an increase in PSL2. Since liqui*dity proportions do not rise* continuously, the actual growth in PSL2 overstates the "true" underlying growth by nearly 4 per cent.

Additionally, mortgage queues have been falling, following the buildup of a demand backlog last summer. The impact of such a queue shortening will be to increase mortgage lending relative to its underlying trend. This occurs because societies were eliminating the backlog of old demand while also providing new funds. PSL2 would have been inflated to a significant degree by the reduction in the length of mortgage queues (while liquidity was rising).

There are a number of other specific factors which make one wary of treating recent PSL2 growth as indicative of monetary conditions. After everything is evaluated, however, the underlying rate of PSL2 expansion is between 10-11 per cent. Such a rate is not worrying and is consistent with the other economic indicators mentioned above. Monetary conditions, therefore, do not point to the need for rise in interest rates.

Finally, credit – in particular that for mortgages – has been highlighted as growing too rapidly. This seems an odd view to take. In the first quarter of 1983 mortgage lending by banks and building societies totalled £3.6bn. The similar figure for this year is £3.2bn (and this included lending to reduce mortgage queues). If mortgage lending was not perceived to be out of control last year, I do not see how it can be argued to be so now. Since there appears to have also been a deceleration in other forms of lending, my point is even made stronger.

While it is certainly the case that credit is expanding rapidly, its rate of expansion is already slowing of its own accord. Any interest rate movement is unlikely to have any impact on the speed of this slowdown and, given the state of the economy, is unnecessary.

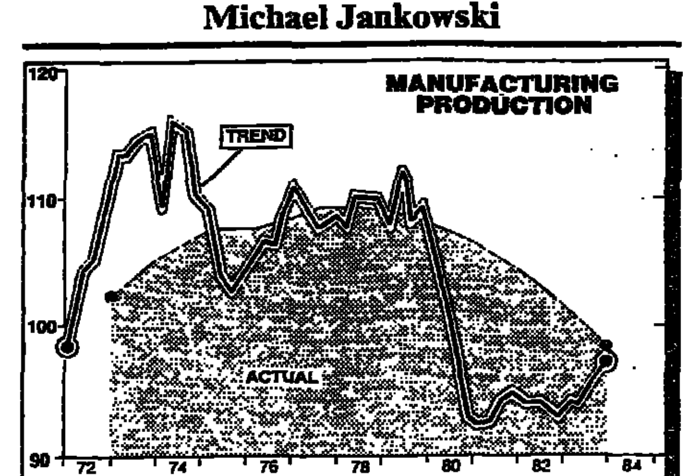
In the short term, gilt-edged performance hinges on today's money supply figures. If they are bad, the market is more-than-likely to be subject to a major setback and upward pressure on base rates wiill increase. If the figures come close to expectations the market may be subject to renewed drifting. The scope for further drifting is, however, limited. The market has already discounted a good deal of bad news. Good money numbers would be required to provide an immediate upward boost to the market. Other things being equal, the market would continue to drift.

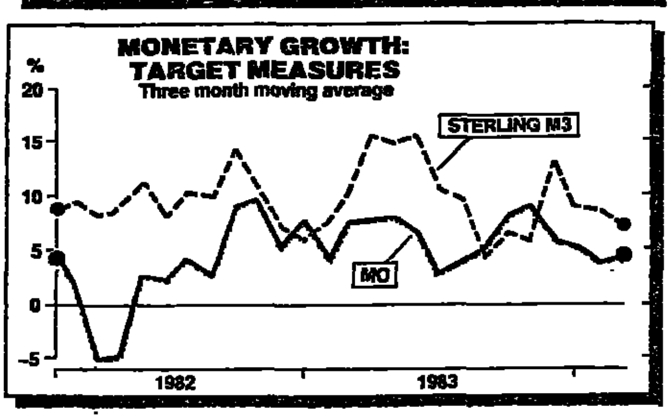
Over May as a whole, however, the cash position in the market is distinctly favourable. Gilt dividends are high and institutions have held back *cash as prices fell. Since I expect* some of the present interest rate uncertainties to diminish, the market ought to stabilize with the prospect of some improvement by the end of the month.

On a longer term, the market is very attractive. Real prospective yields look high and gilt-edged funding is set to be significantly lower this year than in 1983. Twenty-first century stocks still look expensive relative to shorter dates, and as seen recently, are more vulnerable to overseas influences. I, therefore, would suggest buying stock steadily in the ten to 15 year area of the conventional market and recommend picking up some index-linked issues. For taxpayers, the two shorter index-linked stocks are a must.

There is a price for insuring against risk. When looking at the longer term, the present cost of insurance is too high. Fear, however, tends not to be rationally based.

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US NOTEBOOK

Retreat by Fed as bond prices fall sharply

The revolt of the financial markets is bringing canges in Federal Reserve policy that are likely to contribute to breaking the back of recovery.

The Fed has moved to a much more moderate policy, fearful of the sharp decline in prices of bonds and bond futures since January. The central bank has had to bend to the wil of the bond markets, now free to move in an unregulated environment.

Since January 13, the September 1984 Treasury bond futures contract has fallen from more than 72 to just over 63 – a sharp drop of 12.5 per cent. Over the same period, the Treasury bellwether long bond of 2005-2013 has fallen from 102.6 to 92.2 – a drop of 10 per cent.

The rot set into the bond futures in May last year as the financial markets realized the importance of the huge Fed mony pump between July 1982 and Mid-1983. The bond markets have since been gloomy, observing continuing high *money growth and strong* growth of credit outstanding.

The equity markets and the commodities markets have buckled under the weight of dropping bond prices and rising bond yields. The bond markets are in charge in America as never before.

Central bank officals appear to have realized that unless they provide solid assurances to the financial markets of their good intentions, there is going to be a continuance of declining cash and futures markets in bonds.

While the money figures are confused by the problems of accounting for the effects of contemporaneous reserve accounting and of Easter and tax times, by April 23 money M1 was back to where it was as at the beginning of February; the adjusted monetary base in the first week of May was down to its level at the beginning of February.

And in the first four weeks of April, money M1 was $534.4 billion, while in the last four weeks of December it averaged $523.4 billion. So in the four months December to April, money M1 rose 2.1 per cent, to give an annual rate of growth of about 6.5 per cent.

The deceleration in money growth that began in the middle of last year is continuing, the growth of banks' reserves is also decelerating.

Corporations are making big profits, but they are not being translated into higher stock prices, because the bond markets offer such alluring comparative yields

Maxwell Newton

USM REVIEW

Law stationery group seeks expansion cash

Britain has 44,000 practising lawyers using more than 1,100 types of legal document in their work and that is good news for the **Stat-Plus Group**, one of Britain's leading suppliers of legal stationery equipment.

Stat-Plus was formed in 1973, but it was not until Mr Derek Bird, chairman, arrived two years later that the company's fortunes prospered. Mr Bird, who spent most of his working life selling stationery equipment to law firms for the likes of Oyez, Twinlock and Ofrex, and decided that this was where Stat-Plus's future lay.

So in 1979 the group entered the law stationery market, now worth an estimated £100m a year. Law stationery now accounts for 75 per cent of Stat-Plus's turnover.

Pretax profits have grown since then from £32,000 to £700,000 last year on sales up from £762,000 to £3.55m.

Now Stat-Plus has applied for a listing on the Unlisted Securities Market through the stockbroker Laurence Prust, which is bringing the company to market in a unique way. The broker is arranging to place 1.43 million shares (26 per cent of the equity) with its own clients by way of an "informal placing". The shares have been offered to various clients, at a minimum of 80p each, and they have been asked to submit a sealed price. The highest bids will be accepted.

Laurence Prust says it has adopted this technique to establish a fair price and ensure after-sales service once dealings start on May 23. At the minimum price of 80p, the group is valued at around £6m.

Mr Bird says Stat-Plus prides itself on offering a comprehensive service to lawyers within 60 miles of London. From the group's colour brochure, lawyers wishing to set up their own firms can select goods ranging from coat hangers to paperclips.

It has been a busy time lately for Mr Tony Martinez, chairman and managing director of **Microtivec**, Britain's leading manufacturer of colour monitors. In the last few weeks, the company has received several awards for technical achievement, including a Queen's Award.

But Mr Martinez refuses to rest on his laurels and is preparing for Microvitec's debut on the USM this month. Mr Martinez owns about one-third of the group and Investors in Industry has another third. The rest is split between the rest of the board and the workforce.

The mechant banker Hill Samuel and the stockbroker W. Greenwell will be offering about 25 per cent of the shares. Mr Martinez had been hoping for a full listing for the shares, but this was prevented by the group's short record.

The group's first year of profits was in 1981 – two years after its formation – when it reported a pretax £158,000 on sales of £1.4m. By 1982 this had grown to £195,000 on sales of £2.7m and last year profits surged to £2.5m on sales of no less than £9.6m.

The offer for sale will consist of some existing shares, but mostly new shares to raise money for a factory next to the present one at Bradford.

Microvitec is now the market leader with its monitors already approved by the BBC, the Department of Industry and Trade. The monitors are used in 98 per cent of schools and are compatible with every range of current popular computer. The group has already developed a monitor to be used with Sir Clive Sinclair's QL computer.

Another company looking for extra resources to increase production is **Brikat Group**, the Kettering software group, which specializes in accountancy. The broker Laing & Cruickshank is arranging to place 25 per cent of the equity with clients at 140p a share, valuing the company at £6.5m. Of the shares being placed, 15 per cent will be used to raise new money to help finance the group's proposed expansion programme in the US.

Brikat was formed by the husband and wife team of Colin and Kathryn Stanley in 1973. They will continue to own 42 per cent of the shares after the placing which is expected to raise £1.7m. The remainder will be owned equally by the remaining board members. Last year Brikat made pretax profits of £130,000 and in the first six months of the current year *reported profits of £247,000*. The group should have little trouble in achieving £500,000 for the year.

Michael Clark

APPOINTMENTS

Kleinwort Benson Investment Management: **Mr Michael Devas** has become chairman.

Taylor Woodrow Construction (Scotland): **Mr Geoff Davies** has become chairman, succeeding **Mr Norman Baker**. Mr Davies is also joint assistant managing director of Taylor Woodrow Construction and managing director of Taywood-Santa Fe. **Mr Jim McMillan**, previously a contracts manager, becomes a divisional director.

J W Spear & Sons: **Mr M C W Wildy**, vice-chairman of *Booker McConnell*, has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries: **Mr J D F Miller** and **Mr Stephen Morley** have been made non-executive directors.

Bell & Howell: **Mr Derek V *Hopes***, *managing director of the* company's international A-V & Video Division, has become chairman of Bell & Howell A-V.

Jaques & Lewis: **Mr John B Northam** has been made managing partner.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	8½%
Barclays	8¾%
BCCI	8¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	8¾%
Continental Trust	8½%
C. Hoare & Co	*8½%
Lloyds Bank	8½%
Midland Bank	8½%
Nat Westminster	8½%
TSB	8½%
Williams & Glyn's	8½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¼%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%, £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street Stock prices were lower in early trading yesterday as investors continued to worry over predictions that interest rates would rise.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose over 16 points on Friday, was down another 3½ to 1162. Overall, losers led gainers two-to-one. Volume was about 4 million shares.

ATT led the early active list, down ⅛ to 16⅞. American Home Products was down 1¼ to 52¾.

	May 4	May 3
AMF Inc	16¼	16½
AMR	34¾	34¾
Allied Chem	52	53¼
Allied Stores	43½	43½
Allis Chalmers	11¾	11¾
Alcoa	34	34¾
Amax Inc	25½	25¾
Amerada Hess	31¼	31⅞
Am Brands	56¾	56¼
Am Broadcast	58¼	59¼
Am Can	44	44¼
Am Cyanamid	48¼	49¼
Am Elec Power	16¼	16½
Am Home	52½	53¼
Am Motors	4⅞	4⅞
Am Nat Res	31⅞	32¾p
Am Standard	29	28¾
Am Telephone	16¾	16½
Armco Steel	19	18
Asarco	20½	20½
Ashland Oil	27½	27¾
Atlntic Richfield	46¾	47⅞
Avco	27	27¼
Avon Products	21⅞	22½
Bankers Tst NY	43¾	43½
Bank of America	19¾	20
Bank of Boston	35½	36
Bank of NY	29¾	29⅞
Beatrice Foods	30½	30¼
Bethlehem Steel	23⅞	25
Boeing	38½	38⅞
Boise Cascade	39¾	40¼
Borden	55½	54¾
Borg Warner	20¼	20¾
Bristol Myers	44⅞	45¾
BP	28⅞	29
Burlington Ind	27⅞	27¾
Burlington Nthn	42½	43¾
Burroughs	52⅞	52¾
Campbell Soup	58⅞	58⅞
Canadian Pacific	33⅞	34¼
Caterpillar	46	46
Celanese	74	74½
Central Soya	16	16¼
Chase Manhat	48¼	48¼
Chem Bank NY	32¾	33⅞
Chrysler	23¾	24⅞
Citicorp	34½	34½
Clark Equip	32	32¼
Coca Cola	56⅞	56½
Colgate	25¼	25⅞
CBS	73	73¾
Columbia Gas	35⅞	35½
Combustion Eng	30½	30¼
Comwlth Edison	23⅞	23¾
Cons Edison	24¾	24½
Cons Foods	28¾	28¾
Cons Power	8¼	8¼
Continental Grp	35¼	35⅞
Control Data	31	31⅞
Corning Glass	64¼	64⅞
CPC Intnl	38⅞	37¼
Crane	35⅞	35¼
Crocker Int	24⅞	23⅞
Crown Zeller	34⅞	34½
Dart & Kraft	74¾	74
Deere	30⅞	30⅞
Delta Air	33⅞	34⅞
Detroit Edison	12⅞	12⅞
Disney	64	64½
Dow Chemical	31⅞	32
Dresser Ind	22⅞	22⅞
Duke Power	24	24¼
Du Pont	49¼	50⅞
Eastern Air	5⅞	5⅞
Eastman Kodak	66⅞	64⅞
Eaton Corp	47⅞	48¼
Esmark	56¾	57⅞
Evans P. D.	7⅞	7½
Exxon Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Fed Dept Stores	47⅞	47⅞
Firestone	17¾	17⅞
Fst Chicago	23⅞	24⅞

	May 4	May 3
Fst Intrst Bncp	38½	37
Fst Penn Corp	5⅞	5⅞
Ford	35⅞	36½
GAF Corp	17	17⅛
GTE Corp	38¼	38⅞
Gen Dynamics	49½	50⅞
Gen Electric	54½	55½
Gen Foods	52	52
Gen Mills	48⅞	49¼
Gen Motors	64¾	65⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	9½	8⅞
Gen Tire	32⅞	32⅞
Genesco	6⅞	6⅞
Georgia Pacific	22¾	23
Getty Oil	127½	127½
Gillette	47¾	48¼
Goodrich	33½	33⅞
Goodyear	26⅞	27
Gould Inc	29⅞	29⅞
Grace	41½	41½
Gt Atlte & Pacific	15	15
Greyhound	23⅞	23¾
Grumman Corp	25¾	25
Gulf Oil	79¾	79⅞
Gulf & West	33¾	34¼
Heinz H. J.	33½	34
Hercules	32⅞	33⅞
Honeywell	55⅞	58
IC Inds	42⅞	43⅞
Ingersoll	47¾	48
Inland Steel	24½	25⅞
IBM	112⅞	113⅞
Int Harvester	7⅞	7¾
INCO	12⅞	12⅞
Int Paper	52⅞	54⅞
Int Tel Tel	36⅞	37
Irving Bank	50⅞	50¾
Jewel Co	52½	50⅞
Jim Walter	26½	26⅞
Johnson & John	36⅞	37⅞
Kaiser Alumin	18¼	18⅞
Kerr McGee	33¾	33⅞
Kimberly Clark	82⅞	84
K Mart	28½	28⅞
Kruger	32¾	32½
L.T.V. Corp	16⅞	17
Litton	68	68⅞
Lockheed	38	38¼
Lucky Stores	16¾	17
Manuf Hanover	35¾	35¼
Manville Cp	10⅞	10¼
Mapco	28¾	28¼
Marine Midland	23⅞	23
Martin Marietta	34	35½
McDonnell	51¼	51⅞
Mead	38½	37⅞
Merck	90	91
Minnesota Mng	75½	76⅞
Mobil Oil	30	30⅞
Monsanto	93¾	93⅞
Morgan J. P.	70⅞	71⅞
Motorola	119½	122⅞
NCR Corp	109	109¼
NL Industries	16	16
Nabisco	40¾	40⅞
Nat Distillers	28½	28¼
Nat Med Ent	22⅞	22⅞
Norfolk South	55½	56⅞
NW Bancorp	29	29¼
Occidental Pet	30¼	30⅞
Ogden	25⅞	25⅞
Olin Corp	28⅞	29
Owens-Illinois	36⅞	37
Pacific Gas Elec	13⅞	13⅞
Pan Am	5⅞	5⅞
Penney J. C.	53½	53½
Pennzoil	38	38⅞
Pepsico	38⅞	38⅞
Pfizer	33⅞	34⅞
Phelps Dodge	22½	22⅞
Philip Morris	68	68½
Phillips Petrol	40½	41
Polaroid	28¾	28¼

	May 4	May 3
PPG Ind	29¾	30⅞
Procter Gamble	47⅞	48½
Pub Ser El & Gas	22¾	22½
Raytheon	39¾	40⅞
RCA Corp	33⅞	33⅞
Republic Steel	30⅞	30⅞
Reynolds Ind	55⅞	57⅞
Reynolds Metal	30¾	31⅞
Rockwell Int	26⅞	27⅞
Royal Dutch	51⅞	51⅞
Safeways	23⅞	23⅞
St Regis Paper	37	37⅞
SFE Sopac	22⅞	23⅞
SCM	40⅞	40⅞
Schlumberger	51½	52⅞
Scott Paper	30⅞	31⅞
Seagram	34⅞	35⅞
Sears Roebuck	32⅞	33⅞
Shell Oil	58¾	58⅞
Shell Trans	36⅞	36⅞
Signal Co	33⅞	34⅞
Singer	25⅞	26⅞
Smithkline Beck	54⅞	55⅞
Sony	15⅞	16¼
Sth Cal Edison	38⅞	38½
Sperry Corp	39½	41
Std Oil Califnia	37⅞	38⅞
Std Oil Indiana	53⅞	55⅞
Std Oil Ohio	45½	47⅞
Sterling Drug	25	26
Stevens J. P.	21⅞	20⅞
Sun Comp	55⅞	58⅞
Teledyne	153⅞	156⅞
Tenneco	42⅞	43⅞
Texaco	40⅞	40⅞
Texas East Corp	60⅞	60⅞
Texas Inst	143⅞	147⅞
Texas Utilities	22⅞	22⅞
Textron	30	30⅞
TWA	23⅞	23½
Travelers Corp	32½	33½
TRW Inc	65½	64½
UAL Inc	34½	35⅞
Union Carbide	56	57⅞
Union Oil Calif	37⅞	37⅞
Un Pacific Corp	46½	41
Uniroyal	13½	12⅞
United Brands	17⅞	17⅞
US Industries	22⅞	22⅞
US Steel	29⅞	29⅞
Utd Technol	65⅞	65⅞
Wachovia	48⅞	45⅞
Warner Comms	21½	21⅞
Warner Lambert	31⅞	31⅞
Wells Fargo	37⅞	38
Westnghse Elec	46	46⅞
Weyerhauser	38	29
Whirlpool	40½	40⅞
Woolworth	35⅞	35⅞
Xerox Corp	40⅞	41
Zenith	30	30½

Canadian Prices

	May 4	May 3
Abitibi	26½	26½
Alcan Alumin	37⅞	37⅞
Algoma Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Bell Telephone	31⅞	31⅞
Cominco	16⅞	16⅞
Cons Bathurst	29⅞	29⅞
Gulf Oil	19	19
Hawker/Sid Can	18⅞	16⅞
Hudson Bay Mln	12½	12½
Imasco	36⅞	36⅞
Imperial Oil	39⅞	39⅞
Int Pipe	25⅞	25⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	4⅞	4⅞
Royal Trustco	24⅞	24⅞
Seagram	44⅞	44⅞
Steel Co	25⅞	25⅞
Thomson N 'A'	37⅞	37⅞
Walker Hiram	28	29
WCT	14	14

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A revolution that has yet to happen

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone

Blueprints designed to ensure the survival and the expansion of the British and European high technology sectors while assisting the underdeveloped nations in embracing that technology have been in abundance in the last seven days.

The first of those reports to emerge chastised the management of Britain's high technology industries, and effectively called them sluggish and unimaginative. The report prepared by the management and technical consultants PA Technology was based on a five-nation survey conducted for the group by MORI.

PA concluded that British industry was lagging behind its major overseas competitors and that outdated management structures were to blame for the countries poor record on new product development. The conclusions of the study – conducted among 500 company directors – make grim reading.

A promotion of British business

The researchers said that British businessmen were the least likely group in their test to perceive that new technology would have an impact on their new products or industrial processes.

More than half of the British sample recorded that view. The PA team added: "Two-fifths (39 per cent) of British company directors polled had no defined strategy for innovation and the application of new techology, compared with Belgium (22 per cent), West Germany (27 per cent), USA (36 per cent) and Australia (37 per cent)."

Whatever happened to that high level of awareness which was supposed to prevail in British industry about new technology in the wake of Information Technology Year in 1982?

The awareness may still be high but the motivation is low. One minor consolation was that the Americans – and who would have believed that was possible – have been equally sluggish, spoiled by a big, captive home market. That sluggishness is one of the main reasons for the Americans having been caught by the ingenuity of the Japanese in car manufacturing and is now being bettered by their innovation in semiconductor design and computer manufacture.

Britain bears similar scars, which were self-imposed through the manufacturers belief that the Japanese with little, if any, industrial heritage could not compete with the products from the home of the industrial revolution let alone better them.

PA was explicit. It said: "The results indicate that companies in Britain and the US have failed to recognize that true innovation lies in pushing back the frontiers to develop new technologies to enter totally new markets.

A strategy for innovation that concentrates on developing existing products for existing markets is really a strategy for stagnation or decline. What is needed is a basic change in management attitudes towards innovation. Managers need to develop positive strategies to lead to the cutting edge of technology. That is where the real growth and prosperity lies".

Another major study emerged last week and agreed that it was time for action. The highly detailed work, The Challenge of Innovation, was published by the EEC in association with the journal *Futures*. The study outlined a strategy to help the Community improve its performance in Research and Development (R & D) in high technology.

The strategy was designed to stimulate research in energy, chemicals, agriculture and electronics while ensuring the employment prospects remain high and that the benefits of the technologies accrue to the developing world as well as those countries which are advanced. Space and electronics - two of the principal ingredients of the information technology age - must be given prominence, the report concluded.

It said: "The autonomy of Europe's economy (and the diversity of sociocultural identities in Europe) will, to a great extent depend upon the capacity for scientific and technological innovation of Europeans in the space/electronic technology sector. Given the extent of technological change which can be forecast in the course of the next 20 years and the amount of investment in R & D which will be needed to 'keep in the race' (amounts which frequently exceed the capacity of individual countries), the Community effort must be major, competitive and credible."

There is already an £850m. five-year Community project called Esprit (European Programme for Research and Development in Information Technologies). Partnerships between European companies are to be the result of this programme and joint research into advanced computer systems is meant to emerge.

But the EEC/Futures strategy called for similar programmes to be initiated, although on a more modest scale and suggested they direct their attention to other high technology areas like robots. The relationship between man and machine is a primary part of the Futures strategy. There is a gap in our knowledge of this area, claimed the report.

A strategy to help Europe do better

"Although we are inundated with speeches and hypotheses about man-machine relationships and about grand, global visions on their transformation and their future, the knowledge actually available on the nature of the new machines, of the new systems, and of the new networks remains fragmentary, and limited to a few privileged circles.

"The vast field of research which goes under the title of industrial relations is equally in need of a profound renewal."

The final plank of the strategy was to contribute to the technical and scientific development of the Third World. By a curious coincidence the UK Council for Computing Development published at the same time its plan on how it will play its part in helping those developing nations.

The council was created about three years ago and active in a series of projects designed to take British expertise in information technology to those in need overseas. The projects which have taken it overseas have been to help Singapore, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Tunisia, India and Swaziland. Missions have gone to Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Morocco, Turkey, Philippines and the United Arab Emirates. The activities range from assisting in feasibility studies to running training courses for senior management and computer personnel. One of the latest projects is to capitalise on the expertise which has given Britain a world first – schools computing.

A coordinator to help in schools

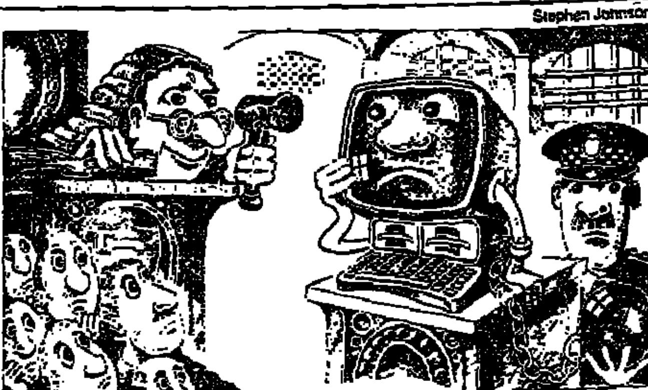
The council is acting as a coordinating body to bring together organizations concerned with developing and implementing schools computing in order to create a UK drive for transferring this expertise to the developing countries ready to move in that direction. The council freely admits: "This project has immediate commercial implications in that useful business would result directly from the activity."

The council, although a registered charity, will be promoting British business as other similiar organizations do from other countries. Among the council's members are British Telecom, ICL, Ferranti, ICL, National Computing Centre and Universities of Kent, Liverpool and Salford. Says the council: "It is apparent to most countries that computing has an important and valuable part to play in supporting and stimulating development. Economic and social pressures, will all have the effect of creating demand for information processing power."

Europe is therefore in a state of change. It must develop its own information technology industries to keep abreast of the advances being made by competitors while changing its designs and technologies for the production of new items, for equally as new markets. It must also lift the technological awareness of the developing nations so that any intellectual and commercial transfer can be made possible. This week's three strategies might help Britain and its partners along that road.

The law moves to cover print-outs

By Alistair Kelman


Stephen Johnson

Four years ago the Court of Appeal decided a case that sent a shudder through the computer industry. It ruled that an automatically generated computer print-out was not an admissable document under the Criminal Evidence Act 1965. (R. v Pettigrew 71 Cr App R. 39 [1980]. In response to this the Government is intending to introduce a clause to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill which, while stemming the gap exposed by Pettigrew, presents a new problem – how are the courts going to attach the correct weight to evidence made admissable under this new clause?

Under the Bill, computer print-outs will be admissable if a person occupying a responsible position in relation to the operation of the computer certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief that four conditions regarding the computer and the print-out are satisfied. The print-out must have been produced by the computer during a normal working period. Second that it was produced in the ordinary course of its activities.

Third, that appropriate security measures were in force for preventing unauthorized interference with the computer and that the computer was operating properly. And fourth, that the information contained in the statement reproduces or is derived from information supplied to the computer in the ordinary course of its activities.

The first and second conditions appear to exclude the situation where, after a fraud has occurred in a business, investigating auditors run audit software and produce print-outs. These print-outs will be produced after the alleged offence has taken place by running special audit software which will check master files for insertion of fraudulent data such as non-existent suppliers, will produce its own totals from entries contained in the files which may differ significantly from the client's totals if false data is in the files and will recalculate certain program logic routines to reveal the insertion of unauthorized logic.

Though audit software is today a key investigating tool, it appears that print-outs produced by investigating auditors would be inadmissible.

Since the Bill has been published software houses have shown particular interest in the meaning to be ascribed to "appropriate security measures" to prevent unauthorised interference with the computer. It is not clear what is the minimum level of security that will be required for computer installations. Undoubtedly the use of the term appropriate is meant to imply that the standard is meant to vary with the sensitivity and value of the data stored.

However, guesses on what should be "appropriate measures" vary from expert to expert and with increasing computer literacy among young people it is difficult not to question the adequacy of security in many systems. Clearly, if the security in a system has been breached, it will be hard for the person putting forward computer evidence to be able to swear that security is "adequate".

The requirement that the computer was working properly raises several issues. In some small businesses the person in charge of the computer has no idea what it is doing, how it is doing it or whether it is working properly.

The Bill gets around this problem by requiring a person occupying a responsible position in relation to the operation of the computer to certify to the best of his knowledge and belief that the computer was working properly. The fact that he may have no knowledge of the operation of the computer but can certify that it is working properly is ignored.

But when the reliability of computer produced information is in issue, a serious problem arises. Generally speaking, lawyers – when presented with a computer printout containing latent error – do not know what questions to ask of computing personnel.

So the only effective protection against erroneous computer records coming before the courts seems to be a framework of professional standards in the computer industry and recognition of the fact that there is a danger of unreliable data being supplied by computer systems as evidence without such standards.

It is hoped that rules of court made under this Bill will state that no evidence from a computer system will be admitted in criminal proceedings unless and until a judge, after studying a lengthy statement dealing with the areas from which the computer system could produce errors in the computer print-out, has ruled that the computer system in question has passed a prima facie test of reliability.

£4½m later, nobody calls her crazy

People/ Jean Yates of Yates Ventures

By Roger Woolnough



THE words come tumbling out. The pencil dashes across the page, sketching a diagram. It snaps, and is instantly replaced by a red felt-tip. Soon the paper is covered with a confusion of lines, words and numbers, to be joined by child-like drawings of telephones and computers. Jean Yates is talking about Unix.

Without planning it, she has become the self-appointed prophet of Unix, the operating system developed by American Telephone & Telegraph and now being adopted by increasing numbers of computer companies. She runs a market research company in California, Yates Ventures, which has acquired over 100 clients who pay subscriptions of $1600 apiece to hear what she has to say.

"We tend to be more speculative and provide more analysis than is available from other firms," Jean Yates says. "We jog everybody loose."

For her, jogging people loose started at Christmas 1980, when she told a user group that worldwide sales of Unix-related hardware and software would be worth $6,000m (£4,200m) by 1986. "I was known as that crazy woman," she recalls.

"Crazy like a fox. Her latest forecast, enshrined in a weighty volume crammed with numbers and graphs, has increased the figure to a precise $8,180m, and this projection is considered conservative.

Like others caught up in the microcomputer maelstrom, Jean Yates started at something else. She was selling biochemicals and doing research when her employer transferred her to San Francisco in 1977. She wandered into one of the early computer stores and bought one of the first Apple IIs. She was hooked.

"I had this wonderful idea to change my life," she says, "but I thought I was too late to get into the industry." She started working in a Computerland store for $400 a month, then began writing about micros. "I discovered that my real niche was understanding where the technology was heading."

That led to a job with Gnostic Concepts, a well-known technology crystal-gazer. Two more years and she was managing all the company's microcomputer market research, discovering Unix along the way. Then Gnostic Concepts was taken over. "I was obnoxious, entrepreneurial, and I knew best."

In May 1982, with $1500, she set up Yates Ventures in her living room. Turnover hit $3m in the second year, $4½m in the third. Now she has 25 people.

As though not quite able to grasp what she has achieved, she sometimes slips into the third person, implying it really all happened to somebody else. "My bank balance is fairly healthy, and we'll see if Jean can branch off into other areas," she says, outlining a scheme to invite housewives to test new software. She recognizes the possibility of failure, but distances herself from it. "Jean may fall on her face. We'll see."

Computer Appointments

OK, so who will do the talking?

■ *Americall is a new telephone* and data service to be offered between London and New York. Run by the private telecommunications group **Mercury**, Americall will intriguingly divide the cost of calls between the person making it and the person receiving it in proportion to the amount of time each is speaking. The service which will become available from August will, claims Mercury, save users up to 35% of the cost of subscribing to leased lines.

Army system

■ A UK consortium, the **Total Systems Group**, has won a contract from the *Ministry of Defence for a command and* information system for the British Army. The consortium, which includes System Designers, Pactel and Software Sciences, will spend around six months on the study which will involve battlefield communications, computing and weapons technology. The contract is expected to be worth up to £400,000.

Plug compatible

■ **BASF** has announced a new IBM plug compatible computer, the 7/69. It uses 256K chips and offers a speed of up to three million instructions per second *(MIPS). Availability starts at the end of the* year and it is designed to operate with DOS, VM and MVS operating systems. BASF claims its prices are typically 20 per cent lower than those of IBM.

Lotus finances

■ **Lotus Development Corporation** has announced a net income of 7.5 million dollars for the first quarter of 1984, compared with 1.1 million dollars for the same period last year. Lotus produces 1-2-3 a popular intergrated software package for micros. Net revenues have risen from 4.8 million dollars for the first quarter of 1983 to 28.3 million dollars for the same period this year.

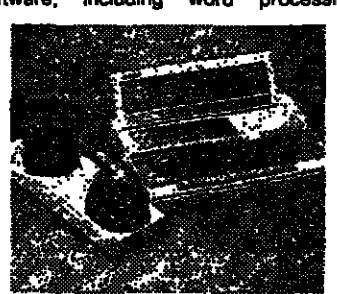
Decision manager

■ **Peachtree Software** has announced an *integrated software product, Decision* Manager. It combines a financial spreadsheet, word processor, communications data manager and graphics. Up to 20 different projects can be defined with a maximum of 10 displayed on the screen at any time. The package is aimed at users of the IBM PC-XT or PC users with a hard *disc. It will be available from July and will* cost £625.



Epson's new PX-8

■ Two years after the launch of its HX-20 portable computer, **Epson** has unveiled a new, more powerful portable, the PX-8. The size of an A4 pad, it contains 64K of RAM, weighs less than four pounds, has a full size qwerty keyboard, and runs under a version of CP/M. The screen is the now fashionable "pop-up" style, giving an LCD display of 80 characters and eight lines. It is being bundled with a suite of business software, including word processing,



Epson PX8 with coupler

financial modelling, scheduling, and data base programs. This software is contained on plug-in ROM cartridges which also hold *a version of BASIC for easy programming.* The base model sells at £917 and a portable acoustic modem enables access to systems such as Prestel, Telecom Gold, and Comet. The company plans to continue production of the existing HX-20, with special emphasis being given to sales in the vertical markets.

French connection

■ **Thomsons**, which recently launched a £300 home computer in France, is expected to sign an agreement with Phillips to market the product together. The micro, the *TO770, is one of the first in Europe* to use the MSX operating system. MSX is being proposed as a world standard for home computers and if widely adopted would enable purchasers to run software written for one brand of computer on any other using MSX. It has been heavily taken up by Japanese manufacturers which are ex*pected to launch several products* with the system in the UK later this year.

Deal for Everyman

■ Formed only last year from a Belgian parent company, **Vector International** has succeeded in pulling off a substantial deal with IBM to market its Everyman database system through IBM channels. Under the agreement, the package, which was developed by Smallway of Surrey and *currently runs in such diverse environments* as the Royal Opera House, BP and the BBC, is the first European-developed product to gain international distribution by IBM. The contract, initially worth £600,000, could be enhanced considerably, says managing director Stewart O'Malley, with the establishment of its marketing operation in the USA, where it is seeking a similar arrangement with IBM.

African conference

■ The first African conference on computer communications, Africom, is being organized in Tunis from May 21-23 by the Tunisian Centre National de l'Informatique and the Tunisian Faculty of Science. The Rome-based Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics says it will demonstrate at the conference IBINET, the IBI international data transmission network. Ibinet's purpose is to offer developing countries access to information on a cost-effective system and to enhance their dialogue with the industrialised countries.

Valid Chips

■ A brand-new "machine too!" -a super high-tech chip that is plugged in to a computer - has been launched by Valid Logic Systems. The device, called Valid "Realchip", can do 13 minutes of simulation in 2 seconds and handle half a million evaluations a second.

Philip Smith, Valid director of sales in Europe, says: "This is a real chip. It is a new technology that has never been done before. It is extremely valuable to the computer industry because if the simulation can get a project right at the design stage, then all systems will work at later stages and there will be no design faults".

Basic price: from £25,000

Welsh floppy

■ *The first floppy disk to be manufactured* in Britain has been introduced by Control Data Wales. It plans to distribute the disks in high-street retail shops aimed at the home-computer user.

Control Data Wales, Europe's largest and the world's second-largest magnetic media manufacturing plant, is based in Gwent. *The new production means a further* 100 jobs for the region.

PC shortage

■ The shortage in supplies of IBM Personal Computer, the PC, shows little sign of easing off. IBM's original quota system, which limited dealers to 25 machines a month, has now been dropped. Instead, a percentage of forecast orders will be delivered as IBM has received many *complaints from larger dealers* claiming that the fixed quota was unfair.

BBC Graduates

■ BBC B micro owners can now upgrade their computers into IBM PC compatible business machines according to Data Technologies of Cambridge. It has *launched "The Graduate" – a system* which offers either one or two disc drives and plugs into the BBC's 1 MgHz bus. Prices start from £689

Acorn stake

■ Acorn Computers, manufacturers of the BBC micro, has taken a 25 per cent stake in Torus System. *Torus is to launch* a graphics-controlled local-area network for the IBM PC at the end of May. The product, called Icon, will integrate communications facilities, such as electronic mail, Prestel and telephone dialling, with networking facilities and applications software in an office automation system which is claimed *to be highly user-friendly.* It will use the Ethernet local area network.

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UK Events

Computer, Business Systems & Communications Equipment Exhibition – *Micro City*, Bristol Exhibition Centre, Canons Road, City Centre, Bristol, May 15-17
DEC User Show, Novotel Hotel, London, W6, May 15-17
Walthamsoft '84, Main Exhibition Hall, Waltham Forest Technical College, Forest Road, London E17, May 19
RIBA Computer Exhibition, *Bloomsbury* Crest Hotel, Coram Street, London WC1, May 22-24
Apple '84, Fulcrum Centre, Slough, May 24-26
Office Automation Show, London Barbican, June 7-9
5th International Commodore Show, *Novotel Hotel, Hammersmith*, London, W6, June 7-9

Overseas

Compec Europe Centre International Rogier, Brussels, May 8-10
International Computer Show for Office, Home, Hobby, Cologne, Germany, June 14-17

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Poachers, gamekeepers and leaping the fence

By Richard Sharpe

There is a clear divide in the computer community between the vendor and the user. Both are dependent on each other but are wary of giving away too much to the other side. After all, the computer vendor that pours support into a user site and cuts the price to get the order will lose money. Equally, the computer department manager who pays over the odds for a mundane system is not serving the best interests of his employer.

There are, therefore, very few instances of the user, essentially the poacher in this tale, turning into the gamekeeper and joining the vendor.

The man who has been the best-known manager of a computer user department in the UK made that switch. Peter Hermon was head of data processing at British Airways. He had established the trend to *replace IBM equipment* with compatible kit made by another supplier and the trend of getting an independent company in to maintain the computers, robbing the vendor of the lucrative business of maintaining the equipment.

Having made these two blows for user independence, Hermon is now firmly in the seat of gamekeeper as the head of Tandem's UK operation. Tandem make a range of fault-tolerant computers.

JOB SCENE

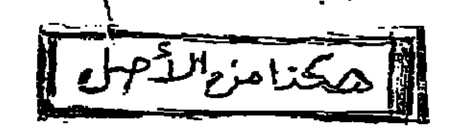
Tandem used a head hunter to find Hermon, who was not brought in for his knowledge of the Tandem product line but because of his proven track record as a manager of a fast-growing operation which needs new management controls to make sure that the growth it achieves is profitable and managable.

Quite a common route for the poacher-turned-gamekeeper is the data processing manager who uses a product and becomes convinced of its value. Such data processing managers tend to be used as reference sites by the vendor of the product and are even paraded around to other users as a marketing aid. Eventually someone realises that the user *knows more about the product* and can talk more convincingly to other users than the professional marketing team.

One such gamekeeper is Terry Booth, head of the US software vendor Cincom in the UK. Booth used Cincom's teleprocessing monitor when a user in the UK food industry and joined Cincom as a result.

Some poachers would never turn into gamekeepers, whatever the size of salary on the other side of the fence. They get too much enjoyment from tweeking the nose of the rather stuffy sales representatives the main vendors seem to favour, making the signing of a contract a major event and doing so only after a long drawn out process of negotiation.

These dedicated user managers revel in their freedom to run down their vendor and wrong-foot the salesman in the belief that the game is as interesting as the outcome.





Artist's impression of the interior of the 40-seat capsule for the Toronto tour

All the fun of the universe

By Paul Walton

All the sensations of space travel are promised this year from an advanced computer simulation system. By the end of the decade a go-anywhere, do-anything simulator could be available to the public – at a price.

"Tour of the Universe" is the first commercial ride of its kind, from *Rediffusion Simulation*. Two of these rides are due to *begin at a Toronto* theme park in the autumn. The 40-seat space module will voyage into the year 2019 as conceived by *the American* space agency, NASA, for 75 minutes.

A *million-dollar film* is being shot in Hollywood, using the *same effects as films* like 2001 and Close Encounter of the Third Kind, to be viewed in-flight. Robert McCall, NASA's artist on the space programme, directs the visuals and a team of British science fiction writers is supplying the script.

After buying a 25-dollar ticket each "crew-member" will be "taught" basic space drill. There are things to do in space – the promoters are not saying precisely what. It might involve donning a space suit, but the technology cannot yet simulate weightlessness. Space voyagers will orbit Mars, Jupiter and the Asteroid belt viewing film footage shot in space. Fictional satellites and space stations are also passed in flight before landing.

Using technology which simulates aircraft, Rediffusion Simulation now belives it can recreate any experience. Its first public simulator will be sold by Toronto-based Interactive Entertainment Inc.

The British might get a chance to take a tour if Rediffusion's parent, British Electric Traction, decides to *install a simulator at its planned* theme park at Corby.

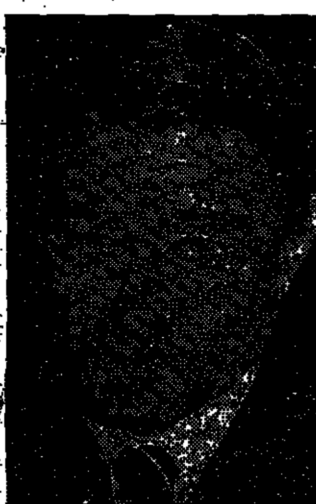
A *"rapid reconfiguration* multi-purpose personal experi*ence simulator" the size of a* small car could cost around £350,000 to £500,000 *before the* end of the eighties. One day it *could be possible to buy* software to experience a bob-sleigh ride one day, a racing car circuit the next.

The challenge ahead for Sir Michael

by Kevin Pearson

Today sees the start of negotiations between the ICL managment and its unions about the annual pay claim. For Sir Michael Edwardes, who took over the chairmanship of ICL a little over a month ago, it is likely to mark the start of an increasingly challenging time in his bid to steer the company into the forefront of information technology.

By his own admission two of his stumbling blocks come from inside the company: too low a productivity compared with other companies and, he claims, the wrong attitude. Externally he faces the might and market domination of US giant IBM, and the threat of American Telephone & Telegraph, the US telecommunications company which dwarfs even IBM.



Sir Michael has been brought into ICL to provide the managerial trouble-shooting and strategic planning expertise he showed in getting British Leyland on the road back to profitability.

Initially a major part of Sir Michael's job will be to change the managerial structure of the company and to make it more adaptable to the needs of a rapidly changing market. He is not the first senior executive to be brought into ICL to attempt these changes. Others who tried have failed, and that is partially why ICL found itself in such difficulties at the start of the 1980s.

The company's plight can be seen by a comparison with IBM UK. Five years ago the two were of broadly similar shape and size, with similar shares of the UK market. In 1983 IBM UK had a turnover of more that £1.6m, twice ICL's last reported annual turnover. Yet IBM employs only about 16,000 people in the UK; ICL has a workforce of more than 22,500. It is not an entirely fair comparison as IBM is a worldwide organization but it does illustrate the scale of Sir Michael's problems.

There was speculation of a potential conflict between Sir Michael and ICL managing director Robb Wilmot, when Sir Michael's appointment was announced. Both have been keen to play it down. Wilmot is reponsible for ICL's overall operations "from product strategy, development, through production to marketing and sales", says Sir Michael.

Much of the product and market strategy is already in place, from the joint development links with Fujitsu of Japan, and Canadian telecommunications manufacturer Mitel to the recently announced network services division and the joint plan, with 12 other leading information technology companies – but not IBM – to promote international open systems standards for linking computers. ICL is pinning a lot of its hopes on open standards.

In the past ICL has been criticized for being, or trying to be, a mini IBM by offering products to compete in each area with those of the industry leader. That still holds true today. ICL has products to compete with IBM right across the line, from micros to mainframes – it even markets a *large mainframe, built by* Fujitsu, which runs IBM programs. But it *has not been* successful in this venture as it *has sold only four systems in* two years against projected sales *of 12 in the first year.*

What Mr Wilmot has done is collaborate in developing products, rather than doing it *internally. Fujitsu,* for example, is developing two mainframe *systems for ICL. They will be* compatible with the current 2900 series computers and will provide a much needed boost to that product line.

Large scale systems still account for about 40 per cent of ICL's overall business. And the systems being developed by Fujitsu, a medium sized computer, code named the DM 1, and the larger Estriel, will undoubtedly help to sustain this sector of the company's business. But is unlikely that they will help ICL capture a larger slice of the mainframe market, *despite* independent estimates that growth in this sector is averaging around 40 per cent a year.

Most of that growth is in the IBM part – its share having *risen for 75 per cent of the top* end market to 90 per cent in the *last four years. Its rivals in the* mainframe market have stood *still in absolute terms,* while their market shares have fallen.

ICL's product strategy looks good on paper, but the question is whether it will take ICL forward to the rewards available in the still burgeoning information technology marketplace. There are those who, while wishing ICL every success, feel it may be too late. The company is adapting fast, but it still has the legacy of the 1970s to overcome.

A chance to join in the puzzle books

Times Books and Sidgwick & Jackson will be publishing two new books on September 30 – *The Times Book of Computer Puzzles and Games for the Commodore 64* and *The Times Book of Computer Puzzles and Games for the Sinclair Spectrum* These books will contain stimulating and challenging games and puzzles which can be played and solved using a Commodore 64 or Sinclair Spectrum.

Readers are invited to submit their own games and puzzles for inclusion. A panel of well-known personalities within the computer industry will judge the best submissions. There will be two first prizes of an Epson HX-20 portable computer and five second prizes of a Maplin Modem for the games or puzzles considered by the judges to be the most stimulating and original.

All other readers whose submissions are included will receive a £10 W. H. Smith gift voucher and their names as authors will be published alongside their program.

Readers who wish to submit their entries should:

Send the program listing, written in BASIC (not machine code), preferably on a cassette, to the address below:

Include a short synopsis of the object of the game or puzzle, a brief description of what should happen when the program is run and an indication of level of difficulty.

All entries, which will be acknowledged, must be received by June 30. Those entries included in the books will carry the names of the authors and remain their copyright. Please send your entry to:

- **The Times Book of Computer Puzzles and Games, c/o Newtech Publishing Limited, 8 Forge Court, Reading Road, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey GU17 7RX.**

AGOG

Is compuspeak doomed?

by Richard Sarson

Many lay people object strongly to the jargon used by people employed in the computer industry to describe their wares. Such words as 'digital', 'parameter', 'file', 'mode', 'bit' and 'random access, repel ordinary human beings. They look like English, but they do not have the same meanings as the words listed in the Oxford English Dictionary.

They are usually combined in curious ways, like 'print file', *'control file', 'file structure'.* The main difficulty is that there is no way of knowing what part of speech the words are. Are 'control' and 'file' verbs or nouns? Without the specialist's insight, the layman loses his way, and consequently tends to lose patience with the whole computer scene.

Orwell *prophesied* that we would all be talking newspeak. Instead, what we have is compuspeak, the amalgamation of technical, commercial and managerial jargons spoken by computer people. Compuspeak resembles newspeak in some rather sinister ways.

The purpose of newspeak was "*to provide a medium of* expression for the world-view *and mental habits" of the Inner* and Outer Parties of Ingsoc *(English Socialism),* and to make "all other modes of *thought impossible*".

Compuspeak, the jargon of *computer professionals,* is similarly elitist, and, similarly, tends to *linguistic imperialism.*

Compuspeak, the jargon of computer professionals, is similarly elitist, and, the tendency among computer people to liken the whole of life to the workings of a computer system and consequently to reduce all language to Compuspeak, is linguistic imperialism. Compuspeak attempts to invade and colonize English.

It is inevitable and right that *some compu-words will rub off* on English, as the Raj brought *bungalow and calico* into the language. "Debug", for instance, (to correct a program) is splendidly punchy, direct and graphic. But computer people should not be the arbiters of the language.

This is a particularly important moment to check the pretensions of Compuspeak. Advances in artificial intelligence are bringing computing up against neurology, psychology and philosophy.

Brash young computer people can reduce their interchanges with psychologists and philosphers to total incoherence, if they insist on imposing their outlandish new dialect. They must learn to pick their words with care.

Fortunately there is within *the computer industry itself a* corrective to the worst excesses *of the compuspeakers. In that* the explosive growth of the *industry is making it less elitist.* In the past it was computer *professionals* who made the decisions to buy the large mainframes and minis while computer hobbyists and engineers bought the first generations of micros. Now, however, it will be laymen who make the decisions to buy the computers of the future. Car drivers no longer have to be motor mechanics and similarly, computer-users will have neither the interest nor aptitude in the mental gyrations that make a good computer-man. To them computers will be tools and the less they are wrapped up in mumbo-jumbo the more saleable they will be.

To respond to this new market force the designers of the more advanced software for micros are rejecting the technical sounding compuspeak vocabulary and replacing it with one which bears more resemblance to English. "Tools" have replaced "programs", and "documents" have replaced "data files". The designers are at last trying to demystify and de-skill the computer by anglicizing the language of computers.

So in its search for mass-markets the computer industry may make a welcome return to English leaving compuspeak as a Mandarin language for academics. This would be no loss as compuspeak is an inelegant and imprecise language, surprising considering it describes machines which should be by their nature both elegant and precise.

New micro for small business

By Matthew May

WH SMITH is to sell a new *small business* and personal computer – the Advance 86 – *developed by a company* based in North London.

Such is the confidence of the high street retailer in this British micro that it is to drop the well-known Apple IIe from its stores.

The Advance, which is being *manufactured* by Ferranti, comes in two versions. The business version, the 86B, comes with two disc drives and four programs

Of particular interest is the *claim* that the 86B will run virtually all of the vast amount *of software* available for the IBM PC without change.

Other manufacturers' micros which claim to run IBM PC software vary greatly in how compatible they really are. If the 86B is fully compatible it will be a strong contender in the PC comp tible market as it costs only £1500, more than £1000 cheaper than its IBM rival.

WH Smith will also be selling a £400 version of the Advance which offers 128K of memory and works with a domestic tape recorder. It has an exclusive deal on the sale of the computer and has ordered £2 million worth from Ferranti. The decision to drop the Apple IIe was prompted by disappointing sales the company stated.

MOTOR RACING

It pays to race from the front in this era of the turbos

By John Blunsden

The implications of the San Marino Grand Prix result were summed up succinctly by Renault's team manager, Jean Sage, when he told Derek Warwick after the race in which he had finished fourth: "You're still second in the championship but Prost is getting away".

Alain Prost's victory – his second this year and his team's third in four races – has given him an 11-point advantage over Warwick. It is a larger margin than any driver could reasonably expect this early in a season that looked like being one of the most open on record.

The speed with which the McLaren-Porsche-TAG partnership has delivered the goods after a winter of by no means untroubled testing has been one of the two big surprises so far. The other is the failure of the Brabham-BMW team to collect so much as a point.

Renault want to win that elusive world championship and seem only too happy to let an Englishman do it for them if that is what it will take. But one senses that beating Prost will give them almost as much satisfaction, and this is proving difficult.

Two prime requirements for winning races this year are avoiding turbo blowups and having sufficient fuel. Renault have been more successful at the former and on Sunday Warwick, knowing that the race was likely to be "thirsty", had to turn down the turbo boost, thereby sacrificing his earlier level of competitiveness.

At the post-race inspection his car held just six litres of fuel out of the 216 litres with which it had started the race. The winning McLaren had 12 litres in a tank with a capacity of 215, while René Arnoux's Ferrari, which had also been driven conservatively during the second half of the race, had nine litres left of its 214 capacity.

This suggests that the Porsche-built TAG turbo is the most economical of the potential winners. But Prost's excellent rate of consumption was helped by the fact that he went straight into the lead and could pace himself largely free of other traffic, except when he was lapping it.

Warwick, Arnoux and most of the others were in close combat, which invariably consumes more fuel. More than before, it pays to run from the front.

Niki Lauda's drive through to fourth place, having had a delayed start from behind Keke Rosberg's stalled Williams-Honda, which dropped him to tenth place on the first lap, was masterful over just 12 laps and deserved a better result than the most spectacular blow-up of the race.

Another who deserved better was Manfred Winkelhock, who has eventually persuaded the ATS team owner to lengthen his car's wheelbase, transforming its performance. As in Belgium a week earlier, Winkelhock was one of the pace-setters, but again his car let him down, this time through lack of fuel pressure.

Battle will be rejoined in Dijon, France, in a fortnight on a circuit which calls for flat-out driving for more than a third of the lap – a sobering thought for team managers wincing over the excessive cost of Formula One racing in the turbo era. Every time an engine goes "bang" the cash register rings up another £50,000 – not forgetting all the prize money that goes up with the pall of smoke.

MOTOR RACING: Emerson Fittipaldi, twice Formula One world champion, will drive a 1984 March-Cosworth in the Indianapolis 500. The car is entered by George T. Smith, of GTS racing, who had originally entered a 1981 Penske-Cosworth with Al Loquasto driving.

BADMINTON

New injury worry for Miss Clark

From Richard Eaton
Kuala Lumpur

Gill Clarke, of Britain, who won the European doubles title with an imperfect knee, was carried off court for the second time this season, on the opening day of the *Uber Cup* finals, sponsored by Marlboro, here

England completely beat Canada 4–1, to advance their claims for a place in the last four, but a much more notable event was the harrowing recurrence of the injury that threatened to end Miss Clark's career six months ago.

A near miraculous reovery seemed to have been completed when the ebulliently purposeful Miss Clark won the European title with Karen Chapman last month, surprisingly beating in the process her previous partner Gillian Gilks. Yesterday Mrs Gilks was unexpectedly left out and Miss Clark selected with yet another partner, Gillian Gowers.

They lasted seven points. At 5–2 ahead against Denyse Julien and Linda Cloutier, the same round-the-head stroke that saw Miss Clark go down like a stricken pine during the finals of the masters, caused her to sag again.

She would have continued, but Miss Gowers sportingly advised against it, despite seeing her great chance disappear in the most frustrating of ways. It was undoubtedly the right decision, because singles wins for Helen Troke, Karen Beckman and Sally Podger had already given England a winning 3–0 lead.

UBER CUP (Women):Group A: England beat Canada 4-1 (England names first): H Troke bt D Julien, 11-3, 11-4; K Beckman bt S Skillings, 1-11, 11-8, 11-8; S Podger bt C Backhouse, 11-5, 11-5; Clark and Gowers lost to Julien and Clouter, 5-2 (retired); N Perry and J Webster bt J Salardeau and Backhouse, 15-5, 15-8. Group B China bt Indonesia 5-0.
THOMAS CUP (Men): Group A: Malaysia bt Japan 5-0. Group B: Denmark bt Sweden 4-1.

MOTOR CYCLING

Protracted battle by champions

Eddie Lawson's second grand prix victory, and Freddie Spencer's second missed race, in Spain on Sunday, has turned the 500cc world championship from a foregone conclusion to a potentially protracted battle.

Assuming that Spencer, the 22 year-old Honda teamleader will contest the remaining nine rounds, and that the American rivals perform according to form (Spencer first, Lawson second) they will end the season with equal points. In this case, Spencer will win his second championship by virtue of a greater number of first places.

But the upset of the first three rounds in a season of 12 show that no assumption is safe.

There is a chance of mechanical failure. Here Lawson, aged 25, has the advantage. His V4 Yamaha, though updated, is in its third racing season likely o be reliable as well as fast. Spencer's 140-plus horsepower V4 Honda is apparently faster still. But this is its first year, and it would be a rare new machine that completes every race without problems.

There is the chance of accidents. Lawson's victorious run on Sunday was almost terminated when a dozy back marker he was lapping forced him up the kerb and almost off the track.

There seems less chance of other riders splitting the pair. Lawson seems as superior to the rest as Spencer is to him. Ron Haslam and Randy Mamola, the Honda works riders, are on last year's machines and lack speed. Lawson's Yamaha team-mate, Virginio Ferrari, broke his leg in practice in Spain, and in many cases had not shown good form.

Barry Sheene's seventh-place Suzuki, and those of the Italian HB team, both non-finishers at Jarama, pose no threat at present.

Sight too frightening for the eyes of a ghost



The Flyfishers' Club are holding their centenary celebrations in the coming months – a garden party, a dinner at the Savoy, a champagne do at Fishmongers' Hall. The club's secretary, Norman Fuller, a retired naval commander, is working overtime, one of his activities being to collect mementoes of the club's founders of 1884 so they can be shown to members and their guests.

Tha aim of the club remains what it was in Victorian times: to provide a meeting place for fly fishermen where they can talk, drink, have lunch or dinner, browse in the library – now one of the finest fly fishing libraries in Europe – tie flies, snooze in deep armchairs when they feel like it, and generally enjoy themselves. With 800 to 900 members, a reasonable balance sheet, and comfortable and elegant rooms, in Old Burlington Street, behind Piccadilly, the club thrives.

With the centenary celebrations reviving interest in the club's founders it is fruitful to speculate what would happen if, like welcome Banquos, some providence allowed *them to return to the feast.* They would no doubt look on the club's festivities with a warming eye but what would shock them would be what we, in the generic use of the word, have done to their rivers. Many of the founding fathers fished streams to the north of London in Hertfordshire and some in the south, one being the Wandle, where Halford first fished the dry fly, which runs into the Thames near Wandsworth Bridge.

These once famous trout streams are now, in some cases, not much better than concrete-lined drains, in others have been so ruined by water abstraction that they are little more than shallow trickles where no trout can live. We would have to keep our founders' *wraiths* away from them lest their spectral blood reach boiling point. Not that they were good at conservation themselves, by no means, merely that it would be a shock to see what can be done to a good river in a mere 100 years.

It would also take some adjusting to find women in waders, rainbows in the Test, and fishing rods made from oil. The grief for the passing of the cane and silk would be profound and abhorrence of fishing lines created from a chemical stewpot so intense that one suspects that though they would be pleased to see us, and would wish us well, they would be grateful to dematerialise themselves as soon as possible and return home. The gap of a 100 years may be too great for anyone to cross. All the same they would be glad they had been remembered.

Conrad Voss Bark

GYMNASTICS



Nadia at her zenith: the symmetric schoolgirl earning 10 out of 10 at Montreal

A last somersault from the girl who straddled the world

By Peter Aykroyd

Nadia Comaneci, the Romanian superstar who retired officially from competition last Sunday, consolidated the new era of technical excellence launched by Olga Korbut, of the Soviet Union, at the 1972 Olympic Games.

With highly developed concentration and timing, she introduced the element of risk and daring which put acrobatic agility and skills before the traditional grace and elegance which had influenced women's routines until then. As a result, the Federation International de Gymnastique, the world governing body, had to change many of their rules of performance.

While Miss Comaneci never became world *champion, her* fearless ability was crowned by the Olympic title in Montreal in 1976 and by a record three successive wins in the European championships.

Nadia Elena Comaneci, now 22, is the daughter of two factory workers from Omesti. Her mother enrolled her in a gymnastics class when she was six because of her tireless capacity *for jumping* and somersaulting. When she was eight she performed in a display which attracted the ambitious husband-and-wife coaching team of Marta and Bela Karoly.

The Karolys wanted to convince the Romanian sports authorities that good results could be achieved with young gymnasts below the age of 12, so they took over Miss Comaneci's class for this purpose.

Bela Karoly's coaching, described by some critics as ruthless, proved outstandingly successful. When she was nine Mis Comaneci won all five gold medals in the Romanian Federation Cup. Two years later she was a leading international in Eastern bloc competitions. Her major debut in the West – at the 1975 Champions All tournament in London – earned her a startling win.

A month later Miss Comaneci enjoyed a sensational triumph at the European championships when she defeated Ludmila Tourischeva, the reigning queen, for the title. She was already certain of historical fame for the Comaneci somersault on the asymmetric bars.

But her greatest moment came in Montreal when she upstaged Miss Tourischeva and Miss Korbut to become Olympic champion at the age of 14. During the competition she was awarded a perfect score of 10 no less than seven times, a record not yet matched.

Subsequently, her unsmiling features and dark, smouldering eyes became known the world over.

While Miss Comaneci successfully defended her European title in 1977 and 1979, she was unable to take the world title at Strasbourg in 1978 because she had put on a great deal of weight. She had a second chance to win the World championship in the following year at Forth Worth, but on this occasion she had slimmed down too much to retain her *full* stamina and health. However, she was able tot help Romania conquer the Soviet Union for the team gold medal despite suffering from an infected and swollen hand.

The 1980 Moscow Olympic Games marked Miss Comaneci's last world appearance. She was in good shape physically and nearly retained her overall Olympic title, losing it by only 0.075 to Elena Davidova, of the Soviet Union, after protracted arguing among the judges. She then became a university student in Bucharest and as such won the World University Games in 1981, her last major competition. Her coaches, the Karolys, defected to the United States a few months previously.

Now a revered figure in her country, Miss Comaneci became an international judge in 1982. She has already written her autobiography and is waiting for the premiere this year of an American feature film on her career.

Rugby-pub sevens: A day The Star in the west shone bright

A partisan's report of a charity Sunday: written in blood

If I may adapt the opening remarks of P G Wodehouse in "The Clicking of Cuthbert", this report is different from all my other reports, for it is written in blood. I went, not as a reporter, but as a partisan.

I must explain what this is all about. The Clerical, Medical Taverners Sevens challenge cup, a seven-a-side rugby competition, took place at the Clifton ground, Cribbs Causway on Sunday. It is an event organised in aid of the Underprivileged Children's Charity, with the particular aim this year of purchasing for the Bristol Maternity Hospital an oxygen monitor which costs about £3,500.

Since the competition raised £7,000 for similar causes last year, and on Sunday seemed even more successful, with better weather (chilly but dry), I have no doubt this has been achieved.

The competition is limited to 20 pubs in Somerset and Gloucestershire, and all players must be, or have been, registered with clubs in these counties. No pub is allowed to play more than four first XVI players from senior clubs, who are defined as Bristol, Bath and Gloucester.

Dutiful pintage

Clifton cunningly does not count itself as a senior club for this purpose, though they would be infuriated if you called them anything else in private conversation. Hence the strength of the Port o' Call, Clifton, a habitat of rugby men. And I must say I have my doubts of the York House, who seemed to include an alarming number of familiar Gloucester faces. We at the start, High Littleton, entered hesitantly for this competition, for High Littleton is a village without a rugby team. However, there are several good local clubs in the area with members who have the good sense to drink regularly in The Star, most of them from Blagdon, who must be a pretty smart young side.

The only player who was not precisely local has spent a lot of time in the village, and qualified by dutiful pintage. It was the first time a pub from North Somerset (excluding Bath has won admission to the competition. We did not expect very much, except not to disecredit ourselves.

Well, we began by beating The Big Apple, Bishopston, by 30 points to nil, much to our surprise, and even more to theirs. Wyatt set up useful situations in the middle of the field, and we had a couple of fast runners. The most beautiful moment was Wyatt's own try. He assured us that he could not run more than ten yards at a time, but suddenly found himself clear about 60 yard from the line. His veteran legs could not resist it, but he was being caught as he approached the line. He knew it, and threw off the pursuit by a dummy to a non-existent wing, thus giving himself just enough time to stagger the last few yards. If it is the last try he ever scores – and at present he swears it will be – it will also be one he will remember.

Then we beat the Salutation, Hembury, 24-2. Imagine it! Fifty-four points in two games. That, alas, was the end of our success. Clifton, disguised as the Port o' Call, had a little too much experience for us, and Wyatt was beginning to show his age at last. We did pretty well against the formidable York House, the Gloucester men, but did not qualify for the quarter-final. Nevertheless, we thought we had struck a blow or two for north Somerset rugby.

The ultimate winners, not that I was watching by that time, were York House, who beat Adam and Eve in the final by 38 points. They had beaten us by only 14.

Alan Gibson

FOOTBALL

West Germany in ruins as Derwall oversteps the mark

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

What is to be done about the terrifying violence of Spanish football, laid alarmingly bare over the weekend? A wild brawl followed Athletic Bilbao's 1-0 win in the Spanish Cup final over Barcelona, Argentina's Diego Maradona attacking two opponents – he himself had to have two stitches in a leg – and Migueli, Barcelona's Spanish international centre half, kicking another in the back of the neck.

On Sunday, the same Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid, scene of the last World Cup final, again resembled a bullring more than a football ground when Real Madrid played at home to their local rivals Atletico Madrid in the League Cup. The referee sent off three Atletico and two Real men, in a torrid 1-1 draw.

Elsewhere, Benfica, though they could only draw with their Lisbon rivals Sporting 1-1, retained the Portuguese title. Sporting may appoint John Toshack as their manager for next season. Juventus took their title without glory in Italy, held 1-1 at home by the gallant Avellino team, who equalized from a penalty.

Luther Blissett hit the mark again, helping Milan to condemn Pisa to the second division with a 2-1 victory, but Lazio's win in Rome over Ascoli gives them hope of escape, with one game to go.

Feyenoord, and Johan Cruyff, took their first Dutch title for 10 years. Bordeaux have squeaked through in France after a poor second half of the season.

In the Bundesliga, all is still close, VfB Stuttgart have not won the title for 32 years, but their easy 5-1 win over Offenbach kept them a point ahead; their last game in three weeks is against Hamburg, who beat Bayern Munich in front of 62,000. A superbly juggled goal by Jimmy Hartwig paved the way. Kaltz, whose free kick led to that goal, got the second from a penalty.

West Germany may have a kindly draw in the European championship finals next month, but their team appears to be *falling about the ears* of its hapless manager, Jupp Derwall. He has just, it seems, lost two more players. A bad groin strain suffered in Cologne's match against Hamburg, precisely the same place where he had an operation last December, has ruled out the 29-year-old libero, the lanky Gerd Strack.

There is nothing wrong with Hansi Muller, the Internazionale (Milan) inside-left; but he just does not want to play for Derwall. He is *still smarting from public criticisms* Derwall was ill advised enough to make of him when he came to Milan to see him play in the city derby, against A.C. Milan. Derwall said that they were just answers he had given to journalists' questions, that players these days are incredibly thin skinned if they are set on the subs' bench or even criticized.

But for Muller, who first revealed his decision to a West German journalist who telephoned him from Rome, the criticisms were unforgivable. Moreover, he says that the West German national side is not a team any more and that he is sick and tired of Derwall's experiments. How many players will be left by the time we get to France? Whether or not Muller will stay with Internazionale, where Karl Heinz Rummenigge is said to want him, is still to be seen; as is the eventual destination of Liam Brady.

It is now beginning to look more likely that Sampdoria will accede to his wish to go: but where? They want to use him as a bargaining counter in the transfer market. When Internazionale approach them, plainly seeing Brady as the successor to Muller, Sampdoria said they wanted Serena; the centre-forward whom Milan, when they had him on loan with no option, foolishly let go last season.

That was why they eventually bought Blissett, whose sudden efflorescence in Turin, where he made one goal and scored the other in a 2-1 win against Torino, being voted best player on the field, and at home to Pisa, came too late for salvation. His only hope is if the new Milan manager, Nils Liedholm, decides when he arrives from Rome that he likes him. The English international Milan still covet is Ray Wilkins: "our schemer for next season," said their vice-president, Nardi.

Naples want Brady; so do Verona. Each has a sweeper to offer. Sampdoria, Tricella, the Verona man, being the younger and more desirable of the two. But if Brady's chief reason for quitting Sampdoria is to join a club which can hope to win the championship, it would be a bit strange to see him go to either of these two.

Naples, despite its colossal popular support, its regular 60,000 crowds, *has* never yet won the title and certainly doesn't look to have the team to do so now, even if it buys back Argentina's Diaz, whom I saw play so well recently for Avellino, where he is on loan.

Meanwhile, in case you did not notice it, the World Cup has begun, Austria slipping off quietly to Nicosia to beat Cyprus 2-1 in a group which includes the Dutch and the Hungarians. The first of the Austrian goals was scored by the little known 28-year-old midfielder, Martin Gisinger, recalled from Switzerland where he is playing for San Gallo. Herbert Prohaska, who won a championship medal with Roma last season and recently played at Tottenham in the UEFA Cup for F. K. Austria, became scorer rather than schemer to get the winner. But it was not much of an Austrian performance; the Dutch and Hungarians need not worry.

Despite all those past – and very recent – scandals, UEFA still cheerfully goes on appointing referees for far in advance of its important matches. The sensible idea that the nomination either be kept secret till much nearer the day, *or be made from a trio of referees*, the other two being named linesmen on the day itself, rings no bells.

So we know that on May 30 at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, the 41-year-old Swede, Erik Fredriksson will take charge of the match between Roma and Liverpool. Fredriksson was born in Tidaholm, became a referee in 1961, a first division referee at the age of 28. He runs a factory making kitchen ware, is mad about the theatre, and likes a good read. He took the Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia game in the last World Cup, a goalless draw.

Luciano Tessari, once Roma's goalkeeper, now their assistant manager, has looked at Liverpool in their games against Birmingham and Coventry. *Regolare*, run of the mill, was how he shrugged off the game against Birmingham. Liverpool, he felt, did not try too hard to win, but the final – Roma being an open and "spectacular" team, would be a fine one.

One player with a double motive for doing well tomorrow night in Brussels, where Anderlecht play their UEFA Cup Final first leg against Spurs, is the Belgians' gifted Danish striker, Brylle. He was in excellent form there against Forest, but if he is to gain a place in the Danish European Championship finals team, he must erase the memory of their recent, disastrous friendly in Amsterdam, where an experimental Dutch team crushed them 6-0. Brylle was substituted at half-time.

Denmark, indeed, seem to have gone strangely off the boil. *Still* under strength, it is true, they were most unimpressive when they went down 2-1 in Valencia

League and Cup results overseas

DUTCH: Volendam 0, Helmond 0; PEC Zwolle 1, Fortuna Sittard 3; Willem II 0, Feyenoord 5; Sparta 5, Ajax 2; Excelsior 2, Go Ahead Eagles 1; JC Roda 1, AZ '67 2; Utrecht 2, Haarlem 1; DS '79 1, Groningen 5; PSV Eindhoven 6, Den Bosch 1. Feyenoord champions.
EAST GERMAN: Vorwärts Frankfurt 2, Magdeburg 0; Dynamo Berlin 4, Dynamo Dresden 3; Hansa Rostock 3, Chemie Halle 2; Chemie Leipzig 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Wismut Aue 0, Lokomotiv Leipzig 1; Stahl Riesa 2, Union Berlin 1; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Karl-Marx-Stadt 1.
FRENCH CUP: Semi-final round, second leg: Metz 1, Nantes 0 (aggregate 2-2, Metz won on away goal rule); Monaco 1, Toulon 2 (Monaco won 5-2 on aggregate).
GREEK: Olympiakos 2, Panathinaikos 1; Aris Salonica 0, Heraklis 0; PAOK 2, Ethnikos 2; Larissa 2, AEK 0; OFI 2, Doxa 2; Aegaleo 2, Apollon Athens 0; Yannina 1, Kalamaria 0; Serres 0, Panionios 1. Panathinaikos champions.
WEST GERMAN: Hamburg 2, Bayern Munich 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Nuremberg 1; Borussia Dortmund 4, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; Bayer Leverkusen 0, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Fortuna D?usseldorf 3, Werder Bremen 4; Arminia Bielefeld 0, Eintracht Brunswick 0; Ufb Stuttgart 5, Kickers Offenbach 1; Bryer Uerdingen 1, Bochum 2; Kaiserlautern 2, Cologne 2.
SPANISH CUP: Final: Athletic Bilbao 1, Barcelona 0.
SPANISH LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Seville 1, Valencia 0; Real Madrid 1, Atletico Madrid 1; Vallodolid 1, Real Zaragoza 0; Barcelona 2, Murcia 1; Majorca 3, Salamanca 1; Real Sociedad 2, Cadiz 0.
SWEDISH: Malmo 3, Halmstad 1; Aik 3, *Elfsborg Boras 1; Gefle 1, Orgryte 1;* Gothenburg 2, Brage 1; Hammarby 1, Oster Vaxjo 0; Kalmar 1, Norrkoping 0.
SWISS: Chiasso 1, Lausanne 2; St Gallen 3, Servette 0; Aarau 1, La Chaux de Fonds 1; Lucerne 1, Bellinzona 2; Young Boys 0, Sion 2; Zurich 3, Grasshoppjers 2; Neuchatel Xamax 3, Wettingen 0; Vevey 2, Basle 2.
HUNGARIAN: Vasas 2, MTK/VM 0; Tatabanya 2, Diosgyor 1; Videoton 3, Honved 2; Szeged 3, Volan 0; Csepel 0, Nyiregyhaza 3; Haladas Szombathely 2, Zalaegerszeg 1; Raba Gyor 2, Uipest Dozsa 1; Ferencvaros 1, Pecs 0.
YUGOSLAV: Red Star Belgrade 0, Partizan Belgrade 0; Sloboda Tuzla 2, Dynamo Venkouci 0; Velez Mostar 3, Pristina 1; Osijek 0, Dynamo Zagreb 0; Celik Zenica 0, Olimpija *Ljubljana 1; Sarajevo 2, Vojvodina Novi Sad 0;* Uardar Skoplje 2, Rijeka 2; Hajduk Split 2, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; Radnicki Nis 0, Buducnost Titograd 0.
PORTUGUESE: Benfica 1, Sporting (Lisbon) 1; Boavista 2, Porto 1; Braga 3, Portimonense 0; Recreio Agueda 0, Vitoria Setubal 0; Farense 1, Vitoria Guimaraes 0; Estoril Praia 2, Rio Ave 1; Varzim 2, Salgueiros Porto 1; Penafiel 0, Espinho 0. Benfica champions.
ITALIAN: Catania 2, Roma 2; Fiorentina 0, Genoa 0; Juventus 1, Avellino 1; Lazio 2, Ascoli 1; AC Milan 2, Pisa 1; Naples 2, Udinese 1; Sampdoria 2, Torino 1; Verona 1, Inter Milan 2. Juventus champions.
ROMANIAN: Sportul Studentesc 3, ASA Tirgu Mures 2; Arges Pitesti 1, Rapid Bucharest 1; Steaua Bucharest 3, Dunarea CSU Galati 0; Politehnica Iasi 2, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Baia Mare 4, Jiul Petroseni 1; Bacau 1, Corvinul Hunedoara 1; Universitatea Craiova 4, Tirgoviste 0, Chimia Rimnicu Valcea 1, Olt 0.
ARGENTINA: River Plate 1, Atlanta 1; Argentinos Juniors 4, Huracan 1; Chacarita Juniors 1, Instituto de Cordoba 0; Temperley 1, Rosario Central 1; Union de Santa Fe 1, Independiente 1; Newell's Old Boys 2, Estudiantes de la Plata 4; Racing de Cordoba 2, Ferrocarril Oeste 1; Talleres de Cordoba 2, Boca Juniors 0; San Lorenzo 4, Platense 3.
AUSTRIAN: Austria Klagenfurt 1, SW Innsbruck 2; Eisenstadt 1, Sturm Graz 1; Graz AK 6, Neusiedl 0; Admira Wacker 4, Austria *Salzburg 1;* Rapid Vienna 4, St Veit 0; Vöest Linz 3, Wiener Sportklub 0; Fav 0, Linz ASK 1.
BELGIAN CUP: Final: Ghent 2, Standard Liège 0 (aet).
BULGARIAN: Lokomotiv Sofia 2, ZSKA Spartak 0; Belasitsa 2, Botev Vratza 0; Chernomorets 1, Levski Spartak 1; Sliven 1, CSKA Sofia 1; Shoumen 3, Etar Tarnovo 1; Cherno More 3, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1; Haskovo 4, Trakia 3; Slavia Sofia 2, Beroe 2.

IN BRIEF

Another 67 brings Watson title

Tom Watson was at his best yesterday as he had a second successive 67 to win the Tournament of Champions, at the La Costa Country Club, California, by five strokes.

Watson finished with a 72-hole total of 274, 14-under par to gain the thirtieth victory of his professional career. The win, Watson's first on the US tour since the 1982 US Open, moved him to the top of the US money list. Nick Faldo finished on a dismal total of 290.

EQUESTRIANISM: The reappearance of Britain's leading dressage horse, Dutch Courage, in the second Olympic selection trial at Addington, quelled any doubts as to his well-being and right to a passage to Los Angeles. Ridden by Jennie Loriston-Clarke, he won comfortably.

RESULTS: 1, Dutch Courage (Jennie Loriston-Clarke), 935; 2, Wily Trout (Chris Bartle), 877; 3, Dutchman (Sarah Whitmore), 868; 4, Pinnochio (Jane Bartle), 861; 5, Mocca (Ferdi Eilberg), 860; 6, Prince Consort (Diana Mason), 848.

BOXING: When Larry Holmes, the undefeated International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight champion, meets the South African, Gerrie Coetzee, at Ceasar's Palace on June 8, his title may not be the only one at risk. Cowtzee's World Boxing Association (WBA) title might also be at stake if the WBA sanctions the fight. The WBA will do so if Holmes first applies to be ranked by them.

SPEEDWAY: The former world champion, Michael Lee, walked out of yesterday morning's fourth international match at Ipswich in which the Americans overwhelmed England 72–36, to take the five match series with their third victory. Lee was unhappy with the referee's handling of the starts

England: C Morton 9, R Knight 9, K Tatum 6, J Doncaster 5, P Woods 4, D Jessup 3, J Louis 1, M Lee 0. United States: S Moran 16, D Sigalos 15, J Cook 13, L King 11, B Schwartz 9, S Ermolenko 5, R Miller 1, B Pfetzing 0.

YACHTING: A force 5-6 north-easterly and a nasty sea in Dovercourt Bay, off Harwich, caused the cancellation of the final race in the Dragons east coast championship, sponsored by Iveco, yesterday. Chris Dicker was therefore confirmed as the overall winner and ensures himself a place in the British squad for the 1984 Dragon *Europeans to be held in Kinsale in* August.

OVERALL: 1, Skal II (C Dicker, RN and SYC); 2, Coquille St Jack (M Patten, RCYC); 3, Ariel (R Melville, RCYC).

● Perth (AP) – Japan will challenge for the 1987 America's Cup. The Tokyo Ocean Yacht Club has submitted a late application, bringing the number of entries to 24

ATHLETICS

Protests gathering over Miss Budd

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd will find it hard to believe that her next visit to Oslo – a 5,000 metres world record attempt is already being billed for the Bislett meeting on June 28 – could bring any more pressure than last weekend, when she finished a magnificent third to Ingrid Kristiansen and Grete Waitz in the Sentrunsloppet 10 kilometre road race. But if the doubts and protests are substantiated, then Miss Budd will not even get to Norway next time.

Ignoring for the moment the British Amateur Athletic Board's action in accepting Miss Budd as a British athlete, when it is still unclear whether she is simply using the Union Jack as an Olympic flag of convenience, it seems that her retention of South African nationality, to go with her new British one, means that she should never have competed in Norway.

The question of her dual nationality is one that Miss Budd ignored at her press conference in Oslo last Friday; and it is the reason why Mrs Waitz and Mrs Kristiansen stayed away, because there is a Norwegian sports policy of excluding any South African national from sporting competition in that country.

Mrs Waitz was persuaded to run only at the 11th hour. She took the word of the organizers, who were assured by a hastily typewritten note from the England team manager, Andy Norman, that Miss Budd had only "one passport – a British one".

But as a minor the 17-year-old Miss Budd came to England on her father's passport.

SAN-ROC and the Anti-Apartheid Movement are beginning to muster their protests. Abdul Minty, honorary secretary of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, is holding a press conference in Oslo this morning to point out what he calls the mistake of letting Miss Budd run (it also appears that her coach, Pieter Labuschagne, a South African, did not have a proper visa, but was allowed in as a member of the British team), and SAN-ROC have written to the International Amateur Athletic Board demanding clarification on the exclusion from competition of South African nationals, like Miss Budd, who hold another passport.

Good news from top coach

Arthur Lydiard, the distinguished New Zealand coach, has good news for the Olympic marathon men in Los Angeles this summer. (Pat Butcher writes.) In contrast to all the commentators so far, Lydiard considers that the race time and atmospheric conditions will present no problem for the runners. Much has been made of the 5.15 pm start on August 12, in a city which has an appalling reputation for smog, whereas the women's race, a week earlier, begins in the relative cool, at 8 am.

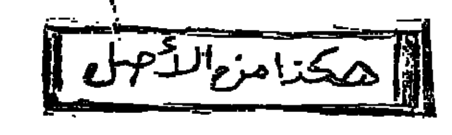
Robert de Castella, the world champion from Australia, and long-range favourite for Los Angeles, has even gone so far as to say that he will sue the organizing committee and the International Olympic Committee – who agreed to that time to fit in with the demands of television – if he suffers any ill-effects. "I do not think there will be any problem", Lydiard says, "I have been in Los Angeles for the last two summers, and I have run at that time, in the late afternoon, every day of the week. I haven't tasted any smog, and what is more, unlike the women, the men will be running out of the heat of the day, instead of into it".

Lydiard came to coaching prominence on the 1960s, with the success of his charge, Peter Snell, who won three gold medals in the 800 metres and 1,500 metres, in Rome and Tokyo from a training base of LSD (Long, Steady Distance, rather than the other popular opiate of the 60s). And it is tenet to which Lydiard still aspires.

Lydiard said he was impressed with Geoff Smith's marathon running. And that was two days before the Briton's impressive win in Boston in deplorable conditions. He gives Smith a far greater chance of success in the Olympic marathon than he accords Rod Dixon, his compatriot, who edged Smith out of victory in the New York marathon last October.

It is to be hoped that Lydiard's view will be remarked by the British Olympic selectors, who will make their three choices after the London marathon on May 13. There have been some disturbing anti-Smith noises coming from Andy Norman, the most powerful of the selectors, since Boston. There is certainly some bad *feeling* about Smith not running in London, but he has final examinations at a college near Boston.

Norman said, at the recent national road relay in Birmingham, that Smith is unlikely to be selected, because "he is not a winner". That is a view contradicted by Alan Storey, the national marathon coach, and *all* of Smith's peers at the relay.



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FOOTBALL: THUNDER FROM ANFIELD THAT WILL ECHO OVER ROME

Liverpool nearly home as Rush's four goals set club record

By Clive White

To tumultuous applause, the echo of which will thunder above Rome, Liverpool virtually clinched their fifteenth League title in champion style at Anfield yesterday. While their supporters must wait until tomorrow to celebrate officially this club and English record, Ian Rush, the Footballer of the Year, gave them a new individual club record to shout about with four goals in a 5-0 win over Coventry City.

Manchester United's chances, of which there have been several, virtually disappeared when they blundered to a 2-1 home defeat against Ipswich Town. It secured Ipswich's immediate first division future and left United with a five-point deficit to recover in two difficult away games, while Liverpool plan a little party at relegated Notts County next Saturday. Should things improbably go wrong, then they will have a second chance at home to Norwich City the following Tuesday.

The goal rush at Anfield started a little late, after 43 minutes, but the first – Rush's 43rd goal – was enough to better Roger Hunt's 22-year-old record. He popped in the other three in the 45th, 57th, and 82nd minutes, and even made the other for Hansen. The third, from a penalty, made Rush the first player since Bob Latchford in 1978 to score 30 League goals in a season. Coventry's 4-0 win over Liverpool in December was thereby overhauled, if not erased from the memory.

The prospect of relegation now monopolises Coventry's thoughts. They go to the wire next Saturday in a blanket finish with Birmingham City, who equalized at Norwich with an 87th minute goal, and Stoke City, winners at Luton. All have 47 points and finish with a home game. Stoke have been playing better than any of their rivals in these last desperate weeks, but their abysmal goal difference may tell against them.

West Bromwich Albion eased their fears with a praiseworthy 1-1 draw at Queen's Park Rangers, whose response to Terry Venables's pre-match announcement that he would stay as manager at Loftus Road was an 81st minute equalizer. Venables feels that success on a grander scale is closer there than at White Hart Lane, where he was rumoured to be taking over. He is negotiating a four-year contract with Rangers. "I have never been approached by other clubs and never felt like leaving," he said, somewhat surprisingly.

His decision leaves Alex Ferguson (Aberdeen), Mike England (Wales) and Malcolm Macdonald (unattached) as the front runners at Tottenham Hotspur, who yesterday decided that a European prize was worth an English penalty. They made nine changes at Southampton, two days before the first leg of their UEFA cup final against Anderlecht in Brussels, and were duly walloped 5-0 by a side who still dream of Liverpool falling flat on their faces in the League.

The Football League must decide whether the changes could be merited by injury or loss of form.

Perhaps the Football Association should consider punishing Watford for indifferent form, if they have not been hurt enough in the last week with the loss of their captain, Rostron, from the FA Cup final. Wembley's prize, sitting tantalisingly at the end of their yellow brick road, has played havoc with their concentration and they were no match for Europe-conscious Nottingham Forest, 5-1 winners.

By contrast, their opponents in a fortnight's time, Everton, kept their minds on more mundane matters, and more importantly their rhythm, with a 2-0 win at Villa Park, which ended the European interest of Aston Villa, if Manchester United's defeat and Arsenal's draw had not already done so. United, Rangers, Southampton and Forest are now poised to fill the UEFA Cup places next season.

This will no doubt be the target of Newcastle United, who officially joined Chelsea and the second division's promoted clubs with a 2-2 draw at Huddersfield Town without the injured Keegan, as they will be next season. By beating Barnsley 3-1, Chelsea moved significantly above Wednesday, who were surprisingly held at home by an honourable effort from Manchester City. Chelsea, with a superior goal difference, can go up as champions.

Elsewhere, Derby County were relegated from the second division; Oxford United and Wimbledon (despite a 3-1 home defeat against Gillingham) were promoted from the third; and York City, with a League record of 101 points, Bristol City and Reading were promoted from the fourth.

Brooking in all his meridian splendour

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Arsenal....3
West Ham....3

When has League fixture included five goals and a missed panalty before noon? If that were not enough, Trevor Brooking, in one of his last appearances, went on to drape his elegant talent across the whole of the second half and Arsenal ended an extraordinary game by equalizing for the third time.

The 11.0 kick-off clearly suited neither defence. Even Jennings was not fully awake to the early danger when Cottee lobbed over his head for Whitton to open the farewell party in the fourth minute. Nor did West Ham expect Robson to cross from such an improbable angle for Talbot to head home on the quarter-hour.

Nor was Sansom, bemused by Allen's speed and trickery, alert enough to block a centre that was met firmly by Hilton's forehead. Nor was Orr quick enough to stop himself from bringing down Robson inside the area, although Parkes, a lively exception to the rule, held on to Nicholas's attempt from the spot.

Nor were West Ham sharp enough to foresee Mariner's dummy that released Woodcock. Nor did Jennings anticipate that Allen would try to beat him from 30 yards. The ball dipped, rebounded off the bar and fell neatly into the path of Whitton, who ended the half as he had started it.

Blown back after the interval by a stiff breeze as well as by Arsenal's increasing enthusiasm, West Ham needed someone to act as a link between their back and their front. Brooking filled that role to perfection. His aging limbs may creak but his brain still runs as smoothly as ever.

Persistently tickling his opponents with a feather, his touch was as soft, as effortless and as intelligent as is his custom. Amid his delightful display, he all but persuaded two of his willing colleagues, Whitton and Allen, to put West Ham even further ahead.

Mariner did not. One of his England colleagues, Rix, had already departed through injury and another, Woodcock, had become little more than a passenger when he cushioned Robson's flick on his chest, turned and beat Parkes with 15 minutes left. It was as if Arsenal had stolen the last line in Brooking's premature obituary.

Brooking's presence will be sorely missed. England and the first division will be a far emptier place without him.

ARSENAL: P Jennings; C Hill, K Sansom, B Talbot, D O'Leary, T Caton, S Robson, C Nicholas, P Mariner, A Woodcock, G Rix (sub, P Davis).
WEST HAM UNITED: P Parkes; R Stewart, P Brush, W Bonds, S Walford, P Hilton, P Allen, A Cottee, N Orr, T Brooking, S Whitton.
Referee: R Lewis (Great Bookham).

Police needed

The referee, Derek Owen, who sent off the Bradford City winger, Haire, after 34 minutes, at Bradford yesterday, needed a police escort after the game.



A word in his eye: Ray Lewis, the referee from Great Bookham, ticks off Rix for an indiscretion in the Arsenal-West Ham game at Highbury (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

United play as if they have conceded the championship

By Peter Ball

Manchester United....1
Ipswich Town....2

Manchester United almost certainly lost the championship yesterday. Their hopes, already dimming as another Old Trafford draw appeared imminent, were ended with sudden finality by an eighty-sixth minute goal from Alan Sunderland which gave Ipswich their 2-1 win and ends their fears of relegation. The result leaves United five points behind Liverpool with two games remaining.

Given the relative positions of the two teams, the result may seem astonishing. To anyone at Old Trafford yesterday it was all too credible.

To say that an uninformed spectator, told that the match was between championship and relegation candidates, would have selected Ipswich as the championship contenders would be an exaggeration. But the Suffolk club not only displayed the greater determination, but apparently also had the greater self-belief, knocking the ball around confidently from the start, with young Brennan and Putney doing well in midfield and D'Avray leading his line with zest.

Not even the shock of falling behind to a somewhat scrappy goal as McGrath headed Wilkins's free kick across goal and Hughes got the final touch undermined them, and their equalizer two minutes after the interval was no surprise. It was well worked as it was deserved, Sunderland beating Duxbury and hitting over a cross which had "goal" written all over it. D'Avray accepted the invitation with a fulminating header past Bailey.

D'Avray returned the compliment in the final minutes, heading McCall's free kick across goal to give Sunderland the simple task of running it in for his third goal since beginning his loan spell from Arsenal in February.

If Ipswich's young players thus distinguished themselves so, too, did their defence, especially in a 25-minute spell after the hour, the only time when United sustained any serious pressure. Surprisingly, it was spurred by a quite awful miss by Stapleton, who broke free but shot against the post with the goal gaping. Thereafter Osman, his impressive young partner, Cranson, and McCall resisted with spirit and certainty.

So United have few complaints. With a few exceptions, notably Wilkins, who was again United's best player in what may be his last appearance at Old Trafford, and was unlucky to see a curling free kick bounce away off the post, they played as if they had conceded the championship.

Yet that charge, with all the rumoured and real comings and goings in view, could also be directed at the club's management. They have a very good team who could well develop into an outstanding one. Players like Olsen and Strachan are undoubtedly good players but it would be sad if their arrival disrupted the present team in an illusory search for next year's championship before this one is concluded. As Tottenham have proved, more and more dazzling talents are no guarantee of success.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey, M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Wilkins, K Moran, P McGrath, B Robson, R Moses, F Stapleton, M Hughes, A Graham.
IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; F Yallop, S McCall, R Zondervan (sub, T Parkin), R Osman, I Cranson, T Putney, M Brennan, M D'Avray, A Sunderland, E Gates.
Referee: G M Tyson (Sunderland).

Tottenham facing inquiry

By John Clemison

Southampton....5
Tottenham Hotspur....0

Keith Burkinshaw, the Tottenham Hotspur manager who is already serving his notice at White Hart Lane, will have some explaining to do as the Football League investigates allegations that he fielded a reserve side at the Dell yesterday. The statistics look damning enough: Tottenham's worst defeat of the season, Southampton's only victory in the last nine meetings between the two sides, and a lacklustre performance by a Spurs side that had nine changes from the team that won 2-0 against Norwich on Saturday.

The barrage of publicity about Spurs predicament, and Southampton's largest gate of the season were enough to put the South coast team team at their ease. After all, they had already been guaranteed a place in Europe next season by Arsenal's draw yesterday morning

Thus, it was a bland end-of-season outing for Southampton, which suggests that the League's examination of Spurs will be as searching as it was when Leeds turned out a weakened team some 15 years and were fined £5,000.

Still, it took Southampton almost half an hour to find Tottenham's net. Armstrong beat Tottenham's off-side trap, which had always looked fragile, and crossed to Puckett, who beat Clemence with the softest of shots.

By the break, Southampton were 2-0 up, a pass from Puckett beating Tottenham's back four, and Wallace racing over 20 yards before placing the ball past Clemence.

In the second half, Agboola, Southampton's player of the year, took control. First, he put Armstrong clear, then he crossed to Wallace who scored his second goal. Shortly afterwards, Agboola floated a superb ball to Whitlock, who headed back for Armstrong to drive the ball home.

Ten minutes from time, O'Reilly lost the ball to Wallace and Armstong strode up to score Southampton's fifth.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills, I Golac, R Agboola, M Whitlock, M Wright, N Holmes, S Moran, D Puckett, D Armstrong, D Wallace.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, G O'Reilly, P Miller, I Crook, R Cooke, G Brooke (sub, R Brace), A Cockram, A Brazil, G Crooks.

Notts back to second division

By John Dougray

Sunderland....0
Notts County....0

Notts County's last lingering hope of avoiding relegation was at Roker Park yesterday, where they could only draw in a tense, undistinguished game. If County's fate has been settled, after three seasons in the first division, for Sunderland the anxiety goes on.

They will not know until after their final game, at Leicester on Saturday, whether they have preserved first division status. The odds are that they will, for they are better placed than some of their fellow-strugglers. But the long-term outlook for Sunderland is bleak. Unless they strengthen their squad, a return to the second division is inevitable.

They rarely looked like beating County. In fact, only two splendid second-half saves by Turner, from Christie and Harkouk, kept them in the match. Sunderland's best chance fell to West early in the first half. Proctor's pass was flicked on by Robson to West, who stabbed the ball wide as Leonard left his line.

County's defence, powerfully led by Armstrong, was rarely disturbed after this. Sunderland, pedestrian and predictable, took ages to get the ball upfield to James, West and Robson.

County were obliged to play a young side because of injuries, and the inexperienced players acquitted themselves well. Their left full back, Darren Davis, aged 17, an apprentice professional playing his first League game, quickly made his mark by upending James. However, James, survivor of a thousand knocks, still emerged as Sunderland's most effective attacker. Bracewell worked tirelessly and positively in midfield, but most of his colleagues savoured the safe sideways pass, which drove the home support almost to distraction.

James's contract expires at the end of the season and he is likely to be leaving Roker Park. If he goes, and the first team coach, Bryan Robson, finally hangs up his boots, what future is there for Sunderland?

SUNDERLAND: C Turner; B Venison, N Pickering, I Atkins, I Hindmarch, S Elliott, P Bracewell, B Robson (sub, L Chapman), C West, M Proctor, L James.
NOTTS COUNTY: M Leonard; S Hodson, D Davis, P Richards, K Armstrong, M Goodwin, M O'Neill, I McParland, T Christie, R Harkouk, J Chiedozie (sub, G Mair).
Referee: T Mills (Barnsley).

Wednesday denied top place

By Leslie Duxbury

Sheffield Wednesday....0
Manchester City....0

It remains to be seen who might suffer most from culture shock next season, Sheffield Wednesday or some of their new opponents in the first division. On the evidence of this bone-shaking match they are a pretty dour lot relying more on force majeur than the sophisticated skills one hopefully associates with the aristrocats.

Their fans were fervently expecting they would clinch the second division championship, though it depended as much on their own efforts as on what their arch rivals, Chelsea did against Barnsley.

And, of course, there was the little matter of Manchester City and their jumping jack of a goalkeeper Williams. City were hardly the side which for most of the season seemed destined for promotion themselves, but they played with grit as if they were trying to prove their failure had been a rank injustice.

Sheffield's tactics, admittedly on a hard pitch and in a cruel wind, was to rush forward behind the ball in numbers and then hope they could wrest it from the subsequent melee in the Manchester box. And none tried harder to do it than Cunningham who is actually built for the job, but for all his exertions he scarcely fashioned one decent chance.

His colleagues, Varadi and Bannister, had rather more subtle approach, though it was just as unrewarding against Williams and his palace guard.

Williams first showed his form against Mills, stretching like elestic to push a well placed shot clear. If Mills felt disgruntled then he was doubly so soon afterwards when he beat Williams only for Wilson to head off the line.

Wednesday's most embarrassing miss of the first half fell to Varadi. Bannister drove fiercely across goal and the ball reached the unmarked Varadi but his shot from three yards flopped over the bar like it was a tiddlywink.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; D Mills, P Shirtliff, L Madden, M Lyons, N Worthington, G Megson, G Bannister, I Varadi, T Cunningham, G Shelton.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Williams; R Ransom, C Wilson, K Bond, P Power, M McCarthy, A May, G Baker, D Parlane, G Smith, J Tolmie.
Referee: Mr T Holbrook (Wolverhampton).

Move to defer under-21 final

England have won provisional UEFA approval to defer the two-leg Under-21 championship final against Spain until next season.

"It is not yet certain we will want the matches put back; this is just a lifeline we have thrown out in case there should be problems over the availability of players", the FA secretary, Ted Croker, said. He will contact Spanish officials today to see if a postponement would suit them. Officially the two matches must be played by May 31.

Today's fixtures

7.30 unless stated

Third division
Bristol R v Millwall (7.45)

Fourth division
Darlington v Wrexham

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Burnley v Sheffld United (7.0); Leeds v West Bromwich Albion; Sheffield Wednesday v Blackburn. Second division: Bradford City v Oldham (7.0); Chesterfield v Notts County; Middlesbrough v Grimsby (7.0); Port Vale v Rotherham (7.0); Wigan v Manchester City (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Norwich (7.15); Charlton v Crystal Palace (7.0); Chelsea v West Ham (2.15); Queen's Park Rangers v Oxford United (2.0); Swindon v Millwall (7.0).
MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Peterborough v Northampton (2.0).
FA YOUTH CUP: Final: Second leg: Stoke v Everton.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Final: Replay: Dulwich Hamlet v Kingstonian (at Metropolitan Police FC).

SNOOKER

Brilliant White puts a gloss finish to a fading match

By Sydney Friskin

Jimmy White, fighting back from his seemingly hopeless polition, transformed the Embassy world professional final against Steve Davis, the holder, into a nerve-wracking contest at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday. He won seven out of eight frames in the afternoon to cut an overnight lead of 12-4 to 13-11.

In 55 sparkling minutes White won three frames in a row and but for a costly lapse could also have won the fourth. He had not only recovered his touch but also his confidence and within an hour a match which had seemed dead the night before came back to vibrant life.

The day began on a sensational note. All White's pent up energy was released as he made a clearance break of 119 – a glittering act of contrition for all his earlier tactical transgressions. Davis had some ill-luck in the second frame when he potted a red with a rest shot and ran the cue ball into the pocket as well. White built on this heaven sent chance with a break of 37 and after Davis had conceded six points on the pink he also conceded the frame.

White, beginning the third frame of the day with a break of 30 left a red over a pocket. But all Davis could score from this position was one point and later after he had lost the cue ball again White built a lead of 76–1 forcing Davis to concede. So the score was reduced to 12–7 and Davis looked a worried man.

Despite a starting break of 17 by Davis, White was in a strong position in the fourth frame when he led 56–17, Davis, having conceded five points on a foul stroke. But White over-reached while attempting to slide a red down a side cushion and left it over the pocket. Davis cleared the table with a break of 51 and was visibly relieved at winning this frame. Unlike the previous night he was under pressure.

Against all expectation White won the next four frames. He had a fair slice of luck in the fifth of the day when he hit a red in a desperate situation to see it disappear into a pocket at the top of the table. That brought the score to 54–42 in his favour with the last three colours left. When he potted the blue he left Davis needing a snooker but soon put the frame beyond doubt by potting the pink, cutting it beautifully into a corner pocket.

In a rivetting finish to the afternoon's play White won the eighth frame, once again settling the issue by taking the pink when Davis needed a snooker and he left the arena in a scene of wild applause.

How different was the picture on the previous night when Davis had matters nearly all his own way. He went on and on never seeming to be confronted with a difficult shot and White never appearing to be presented with an easy one. White had experienced his worst moment of frustration in the 15th frame which he looked like winning until he had an unfortunate in-off which enabled Davis to run through on the colours. After Davis had won the 16th frame to go 12-4 ahead White looked dejected but how different was his spirit yesterday.

Final: S Davis (England) leads Jimmy White (England) 13-11. Frame scores – Davis first: 73-14, 84-24, 70-65, 51-73, 69-39, 110-15, 77-38, 68-25, 81-0, 0-137, 57-40, 8-104, 120-5, 34-67, 65-61, 73-22, 6-127, 29-62, 1-76, 68-56, 42-65, 29-69, 4-80, 43-67.

MOTOR RALLYING: Marku Alen, of Finland, driving a Lancia, is the new leader of the world rally drivers' championship after winning the Corsican rally for the second year running. Alen finished minutes 15 seconds ahead of the Lancia of the Italians Massimo Biasion and Tiziano Siviero.

In the third and final stage Ari Vatanen of Finland went off the road. His Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 was destroyed by fire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Smith gives Hull KR the edge

By Keith Macklin

Hull KR....21
St Helens....16

Two fine tries by the international centre, Mike Smith, snatched victory for a scrappy and often below-par Hull Kingston Rovers against a determined challenge from St Helens yesterday.

The Humberside dream of yet another derby final for the premiership trophy came under severe threat in this semi-final first when St Helens led 9-6 at half-time, and then when they took the lead again, 16-14, midway through the second half. Along came Smith, with two splendid second half efforts, the first from a superb sidestepping break by Harkin, the second when a fine handling movement ended with Smith receiving a helpful push from an attempted tackle by Platt.

Rovers struggled for most of the game to find the scintilating attacking form which hit Leeds for 54 points, and they were somewhat fortunate to be only 9-6 down at half-time against a spirited and skilful St Helens.

Arkwright, who nevertheless deputised well for Pinner, scored a good try for St Helens, Griffiths kicked two goals and the lively Holding dropped a goal. For a struggling Rovers side, Rudd slipped over for an opportunist try and Dorahy, after missing one simple attempt, kicked a penalty goal.

Harkin, who has made the most of his recall since the injury to Gordon Smith, suddenly found a gap and went through to give Smith his first try.

Just as St Helens appeared to have shot their bolt, Liptrot sold a dummy and found a gap, to send Haggerty to the posts. Griffiths kicked the goal, and when Holding dropped another cheeky goal, St Helen's led 16-14.

Just when it seemed that they would hold out against the champions, Rovers stirred themselves for one final effort, and the best combined handling move of the game ended with Smith's second try, the goal from Dorahy and the final dropped goal, from the man of the match, Harkin.

SCORERS: Hull KR: Tries: Smith (2), Rudd. Goals: Dorahy (4). Drop goal: Harkin. St Helen's: Tries: Arkwright, Haggerty. Goals: Griffiths (3). Drop goals: Holding (2).

PREMIERSHIP: Semi-finals: Hull KR 21, St Helens 16.
SECOND DIVISION Swinton 44, Cardiff City 16

CRICKET

Guileful Gifford stalls Surrey

By Richard Streeton

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, lead Surrey by 47 runs.

Surrey, who have made a poor start this season, were checked again yesterday, this time by controlled bowling from Gifford. Warwickshire, though, lost David Smith and Amiss in consecutive overs during the final stages when only 45 minutes' play was possible following two interruptions by bad light.

An oddity about Surrey's innings was that all 10 wickets fell without assistance from a fieldsman; a delight was Warwickshire's bowling rate, which, averaging 18 an hour, achieved the new requirement.

Gifford, at 44 the oldest player on the county circuit, bustled through his uninterrupted stint from the pavilion end and bothered everyone with regular turn and changes of projectory. A closely shaved and slow pitch also helped Ferreira and Lethbridge at the other end.

Even so, more than one Surrey batsman got himself out and Feltham and Pocock, who added 43 for the last wicket, confirmed what could be achieved with application, as they almost brought Surrey a third batting point.

Butcher was soon bowled, but Pauline early on played some neat, orthodox strokes before he missed an intended cover drive.

Howarth began quietly but found his touch with drives past cover and straight against Ferreira. Lynch, on the back foot, was the first victim of Gifford's spin; Howarth, the next, bowled behind his legs as he tried to sweep. Knight played with confidence before dragging a ball well outside the off stump into his wicket. Richards and Thomas were out to forcing strokes; a patient stay by Needham ended when he played across the line.



Gifford: controlled

SURREY: First Innings

A R Butcher b Small	8
*G P Howarth b Gifford	0
D B Pauline b Lethbridge	57
M A Lynch b Gifford	0
R D V Knight b Small	22
†C J Richards b Lethbridge	28
A Needham lbw b Gifford	25
D J Thomas b Gifford	10
M A Feltham lbw Small	28
S T Clarke b Ferreira	7
P I Pocock not out	12
Extras (b 2, lb 15, nb 1)	18
Total	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–34, 2–88, 3–95, 4–110, 5–126, 6–164, 7–184, 8–191, 9–204, 10–247.

BOWLING: Small 25.3-8-52-3. Ferreira 20-4-54-1; Gifford 33-12-62-4; Lethbridge 18-0-51-2.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 275 (G J Lord 55)

Second Innings

K D Smith l-b-w b Feltham	3
D L Amiss c Butcher b Clarke	3
A I Kallicharran not out	3
†G W Humpage not out	8
Extras (l-b 1, w 1)	2
Total (2 wkts)	19

T A Lloyd, G J Lord, A M Ferreira, C Lethbridge, G C Small, *N Gifford and W A Morton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–10.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 7, Surrey 6.

Umpires: D G L Evans and J H Harris.

Today's cricket

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Surrey (11 to 6.30)
UNDER-25 COMPETITION
TAUNTON: Somerset v Gloucestershire

Kallicharran contract

Johannesburg, (Reuter) – Alvin Kallicharran, the former West Indian captain, has signed a three-year contract to play in the Orange Free State, angering Indians who are banned from going to the province because of their race.

Abie Choonara, Transvaal leader of the South African Indian Congress, said yesterday that he regarded the move as a "sporting gimmick" and told reporters: "I am very disappointed."

Under a 90 year-old law, Indians are barred from living or working in the Free State. Kallicharran is of Indian descet.

IN BRIEF

At the Speedo meeting in Cardiff and the Southern Counties championships at Crystal Palace over the weekend a further five swimmers achieved Olympic qualifying times, bringing the overall total to 24, (Athole Still writes).

Only Philip Hubble, of Hounslow, is virtually guaranteed a place on the team with his B standard time of 2min 02.14sec over 200 metres in Wales, which makes him to date the sole qualifier in the men's butterfly.

But perhaps the most significant performance of the weekend came from 13-year-old Zara Long, of Beckenham, in winning the Southern Counties 200 metres individual medley title. She clocked 2min 20.50secs, the fastest time by a British girl this year – only 0.4sec adrift of the B standard.

Other qualifiers: (all "A" standard): N Harper (Millfield) 100m backstroke: 58.86. M Buswell (City of Leeds) 200m breaststroke: 2:24.52; J Seymour (Camphill) 100m Breaststroke: 1:13.67.

CROQUET: Andrew Hope, a Cheltenham farmer, won his first major title by beating John McCullough +15, +17 in the final of the Cheltenham open championship.

Results: Semi-final round: A B Hope bt S M Mulliner -11, +9, +4; J R McCullough bt D K Openshaw +14, -3, +6. Final: Hope bt McCullock +15, +17.

TENNIS: Danie Visser, of South Africa, faces Jimmy Connors after beating the Nigerian Nduka Ozidor 6-0, 6-3 in the first round of the Tournament of Champions at the West Side tennis club, New York.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

CARLSBAD, California: Tournament of Champions: 274, T Watson 69, 71, 67, 67; 279, B Lietzke 72, 68, 71, 68; 282, S Ballesteros (Sp) 71, 70, 71, 70; 283, D Graham (Aus) 64, 77, 68, 74; 284, H Sutton 69, 67, 77, 71; 285, T Kite 71, 67, 74, 73; C Peete 74, 73, 67, 71; L Wadkins 70, 71, 71, 73; 286, A Bean 72, 73, 70, 71; W Levi 74, 68, 72, 72; H Irwin 72, 67, 75, 72; J Mahaffey 71, 71, 71, 73; L Nelson 71, 73, 69, 73; 287, B Crenshaw 68, 71, 74, 74; P Stewart 70, 72, 69, 76; 290, N Faldo 73, 72, 71, 74.

TENNIS

NEW YORK: Tournament of Champions: H de la Pena (Arg) bt D Carr (Aus) 6-2, 6-0; B Levine (SA) bt W Neslon (US) 6-4, 6-3; M Doyle (US) bt K Warwick (Aus) by default; D Visser (SA) bt N Odizor (Nigeria) 6-0, 6-3; E Edwards (SA) bt R Evett (US) 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; D Saltz (NZ) bt M Martinez (Bol) 6-3, 6-4; D Pate (US) bt G Layendecker (US) 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; T Wilkison (US) bt R Royer (US) 6-3, 6-1; P Fleming (US) bt D Dowlen (US) 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; C Miller (Aus) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-2, 7-5; L Bourne (US) bt R Meyer (US) 0-6, 6-3, 6-4; L Stefanki (US) bt C Johnstone (Aus) 7-5, 4-6, 7-6. Semi-finals: P Fleming bt L Stefanki 6-4, 6-3; L Bourne bt C Miller 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
SUTTON: Hardcourt tournament: S Youl (Aus) bt G Whitecross (Aus) 6-2, 7-5. Women: J Louis bt S Mair 6-3, 6-1.
HAMBURG: German Open: D Keretic (WG) bt S Eberg (Swe) 7-6, 6-4; F Luna (Sp) bt J Nystroem 6-3, 6-3; P McNamee (Aus) bt E Fromm (US) 6-3, 6-3; F Segarceanu (Rom) bt C Panatta 6-4, 6-7, 6-2.
DAVIS CUP. – American zone semi-finals: Brazil bt Uruguay 3-2 (Rio de Janeiro), Chile bt Mexico 5-0 (Santiago). Asian zone semi-finals: Pakistan bt Thailand 4-1 (Rawalpindi).

MODERN PENTATHLON

BARCELONA: Individual placings: 1, Wil Poos (Neth), 2,042 pts; 2, M Hoyo (Mex), 2,008; 3, Faberi (It), 1,934. British placings: 7, K Griffiths, 1,896; 17, T Harris, 1,600; 18, R May, 1,568; 21, P Rigal, 1,480. Team: 1, Austria, 5,436; 2, Mexico, 5,294; 3, Britain, 5,077. Riding: 1, M Pilwein (Austria), 1,100; 2, K Griffiths (GB), 1,078; 3, Colasso (It), 1,078. British plaings: 17, P Rigal, 928; 18, T Harris, 920; 19, R May, 874. Fencing: 1, Poos (Neth), 1,032; 2 equal, Lerin (Sp) and R Duaro (Port), 1,000. British placings: 18, Griffiths, 808; 23, May, 712; 24, Harris, 688; 32, Rigal, 552.

YACHTING

ISLE OF WIGHT: Public Schools Old Boys competition: Bembridge Trophy: 1, Winchester; 2, Marlborough.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Army Target Rifle Club Open championship: 1, P Kent (Old Epsomians), 295; 2, J Bennett, (Kidderminster), 294; 3, D Coleman (Surrey), 292+. Long Range (900 and 1,000 yds): 1, Bennett 96; 2, W P Wakefield (Old Bradfieldians), 95; 3, Miss L Pritchard (Old Haberdashers), 94. Long Range Teams: 1, Surrey, 748; 2, Oxford University, 704; Short Range teams: 1 Surrey, 757; 2, Cambridge U, 725.

RALLY-CROSS

CROFT CIRCUIT: British Rally-Cross Championship: Second round: 1, A Proctor, 3.4 litre Ford Capri, 4min 35.8sec; 2, T Hopkins, 2 litre Ford Fiesta, 4:47.0; 3, T Reeves, 1600 Ford Fiesta, 4:48.9; 4, J Welch, 1.7 litre turbo-charged Ford Escort, 4:49.8; 5, R Gibson, 3 litre Porsche 911, 5:04.0; 6, M Rennison, 1.6 litre Ford Escort, 5:07.6.

SHOW JUMPING

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain: Third event: 1, M Whitaker (GB) Courtway, clear 0, 92.85 secs; 2, F Sarazola (Sp) Western, 0, 89.32; 3, J Acevedo (Port) La Belle de Boi, 0, 92.81; 5, J Whitaker (GB) Manolito, 0, 95.26. Fourth event: 1, D Bowen (GB) Brindle Boy, 0, 65.10; 2, L Alvarez Cervera (Sp) Gaddo du Park, 0, 66.59; 3, M Pyrah (GB) Towerlands Diamond 0, 67.59; 4, A Zambrano (Sp) Tiphon, 0, 67.98; 5, P Lejeune (Bel) Moet Chandon King, 0, 68.09.

HOCKEY

PETERBOROUGH: East Club Championship: Semi-finals: St Albans 5, Beds Eagles 0; Cambridge City vs Bedford. Final: St Albans 1, Cambridge City 0.
LILLE: Women's tournament: Soviet Union 11, Austria 0; Belgium 1, Italy 1.

DIVING

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: Men: 1, G Louganis (US) 669.90 points; 2, Xu Wenzhan (China) 658.76; 3, K Ferguson (US) 606.12; 4, J Mendragon (Mex) 559.81; 5, D Watson (US) 556.58. Women: 1, S Bernier (Canada) 505.52 pts; 2, C Seufert (US) 504.36; 3, T Baker (US) 485.19; 4, M Neyer (US) 477.42.

ATHLETICS

CRYSTAL PALACE. – UAU Championships: Men: 200m C Orr (Loughborough) 22.0, 400m J Blackledge (Lancashire) 49.3, 800m Blackledge 1:53.6, 1,500m H McInnes (Loughborough) 3:49.4, 5,000m R Kogbara (York) 14:49.3, 110m hurdles A Tapp (Birmingham) 14.3 (championship record), 400m hurdles M Briggs (Birmingham) 52.9, 3,000m steeplechase S Bird (Sussex) 9:5.5, 3,000m walk P Vesty (Reading) 11:59.4 (championship record), 4 x 400m Birmingham 3:19.6, High Jump C Orr (Loughborough) 2m, Triple Jump D Corless (Birmingham) 14.07m, Pole Vault A Ashurst (Birmingham) 5.10m (championship record). Shot F Bacon (Loughborough) 13.41m. Discus C Kabitsis (Birmingham) 44.74m. Javelin C Crutchley (Birmingham) 68.10m. Teams 1, Birmingham 169pts; 2, Loughborough 173; 3, Bristol 53. Women: 200m L Smith (Reading) 24.9, 400m V Lee (Loughborough) 59.6, 800m S Candy (Loughborough) 2:12.7, 1,500m W Lodge (Birmingham) 4:33.8, 100m hurdles H Ross (Keele) 13.4 (championship record), 400m S Candy 60.8, 4 x 400m Loughborough 3:58.2, Long Jump A Preckey (Swansea) 5.84m. Team 1, Birmingham 133pts; 2, Loughborough 127; 3, Leicester 59.
ATHENS, Georgia: 100 metres: C Lewis (US) 9.99 sec.
COLUMBUS, Ohio: 100 metres: C Smith (US) 10.30 sec; 200 metres: Smith 20.45 sec. Hammer: J Logan (US) 74.56 metres (US record).

ROAD RUNNING

EUGENE, Oregon: 10,000 metres: 1, M Decker (US) 31 min 37.77 sec; 2, R Clark (Can) 35:10.09.

MOTOR CYCLING

BRANDS HATCH: Circuit Owners 350 Series (third round) (10 laps, 23.66 miles): K Irons (347 Yamaha) (GB) 16:34.5. Sidecar Race (eight laps, 20.88 miles): G Rushbrook and B Smith (700 Yamaha) (GB) 13:24.7. Classic Bike Magazine Series (third round) (eight laps, 20.88 miles): R Newby (492 Norton) (GB) 15:11.1. Motorcycle News/Castrol Stemaker Series (third round) (10 laps, 226.10 miles): A Watts (250 EMC) (GB) 18:46.6. Transatlantical Trophy (sixth round) (20 laps, 52.10 miles): 1, R McElnea (500 Suzuki) (GB) 32:25.9; 2, G Lingham (500 Suzuki) (GB) 32:28.5; 3, S Parrish (500 Yamaha) (GB) 32:32.2. 500 Race (10 laps, 26.10 miles): S Parrish (500 Yamaha) (GB) 16:15.3, 96.47mph.

RESULTS AND TABLES

LEAGUE DIVISION I

Home	HT	FT	FT	HT	Away	Att
ARSENAL (Talbot, Woodcock, Mariner)	(2)	3	3	(3)	WEST HAM (Whitton 2, Hilton)	33,347
A VILLA	(0)	0	2	(0)	EVERTON (Richardson, Sharp)	
LIVERPOOL (Rush 4 (1 pen), Hansen)	(2)	5	0	(0)	COVENTRY	33,393
LUTON	(0)	0	1	(1)	STOKE	
MAN UTD (Hughes)	(1)	1	2	(0)	IPSWICH (D'Avray, Sunderland)	44,257
NORWICH (Watson)	(0)	1	1	(0)	BIRMINGHM (Gayle)	13,601
NOTTM FOR (Atkinson (og), Hodge, Davenport 2, Bowyer)	(3)	5	1	(0)	WATFORD (Johnston)	13,732
QPR (Fereday)	(0)	1	1	(0)	WEST BROM (Thompson)	14,418
SOUTH'PTN (Puckett, Wallace 2, Armstrong 2)	(2)	5	0	(0)	TOTTENHM	21,141
SUNDERLD	(0)	0	0	(0)	NOTTS CO	14,517
WOLVES (Smith)	(1)	1	0	(0)	LEICESTER	7,408

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	40	22	12	6	72	31	78
Manchester Utd	40	20	13	7	70	38	73
QPR	41	22	7	12	66	34	73
Southampton	39	20	10	9	61	37	70
Nottm Forest	40	20	8	12	72	44	68
Arsenal	41	18	9	14	73	58	63
West Ham United	40	17	9	14	58	52	60
Tottenham	41	17	9	15	63	64	60
Aston Villa	41	17	9	15	58	59	60
Everton	40	14	14	12	40	41	56
Watford	41	15	9	17	66	75	54
Leicester City	41	13	12	16	65	66	51
Luton Town	41	14	9	18	53	66	51
Norwich City	40	12	14	14	46	46	50
Ipswich Town	41	14	8	19	53	56	50
Sunderland	41	12	13	16	40	53	49
West Bromwich	40	13	9	18	45	69	48
Birmingham City	41	12	11	18	39	50	47
Coventry City	41	12	11	18	55	75	47
Stoke City	41	12	11	18	40	63	47
Notts County	40	10	10	20	49	69	40
Wolverhampton	41	6	11	24	27	78	29

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Home	HT	FT	FT	HT	Away	Att
BLACKBURN (Patterson)	(1)	1	1	(1)	CARDIFF (Lee)	3,107
BRIGHTON (Smillie, Hattrass (og), E Young)	(1)	3	0	(0)	MIDDLESBR	9,168
CAMBRIDGE (Cooke)	(1)	1	0	(0)	SHREWSBRY	2,208
CARLISLE (Poskett 2)	(2)	2	2	(0)	C PALACE (Giles, Barber)	3,013
CHARLTON (Robinson, Lee, Parker (og))	(2)	3	4	(2)	FULHAM (Scott, Houghton)	6,151
CHELSEA (Speedie, Jasper, Nevin)	(1)	3	1	(0)	BARNSLEY (Geddis)	29,541
HUDDRSFLD (Cooper, Carney (og))	(2)	2	2	(2)	NEWCSTLE (Beardsley, Mills)	25,101
OLDHAM (Quinn, Hodkinson)	(1)	2	1	(1)	GRIMSBY (Lund)	4,156
SHEFF WED	(0)	0	0	(0)	MAN CITY	36,763
SWANSEA (Marustik (pen), Loveridge)	(0)	2	2	(1)	LEEDS (Wright, Lorimer)	5,498

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	41	24	13	4	89	40	85
Sheffield Wed	41	25	10	6	70	34	85
Newcastle United	41	23	8	10	82	52	77
Grimsby Town	41	19	13	9	60	46	70
Manchester City	41	19	10	12	61	46	67
Blackburn Rovers	41	16	16	9	55	46	64
Carlisle United	41	16	16	9	47	39	64
Brighton	41	17	9	15	68	57	60
Shrewsbury Town	41	16	10	15	46	53	58
Leeds United	41	15	12	14	54	56	57
Charlton Athletic	41	16	9	16	53	68	57
Huddersfield	41	14	14	13	56	49	56
Fulham	41	14	12	15	57	53	54
Cardiff City	41	15	6	20	59	64	51
Barnsley	41	14	7	20	55	62	49
Middlesbrough	41	12	12	17	41	47	48
Crystal Palace	41	12	11	18	42	50	47
Oldham Athletic	41	13	8	20	47	70	47
Portsmouth	40	13	7	20	69	62	46
Derby County	40	10	9	21	34	69	39
Swansea City	41	7	8	26	36	80	29
Cambridge United	41	4	12	25	28	72	24

LEAGUE DIVISION III

Home	HT	FT	FT	HT	Away	Att
BOLTON (Chandler 2, Caldwell)	(2)	3	1	(0)	SHEFF UTD (Edwards)	9,036
BRADFORD	(0)	0	0	(0)	LINCOLN	3,085
EXETER	(0)	0	2	(0)	BOURNMTH (Morrell, O'Driscoll)	2,790
SCUNTHRPE (Cammack 2 (1 pen), Cowling, Green)	(2)	4	0	(0)	BURNLEY	2,620
WALSALL (Brazier, O'Kelly)	(2)	2	1	(0)	PRESTON (Kelly)	3,273
WIMBLEDON (Gage)	(1)	1	3	(0)	GILLNGHM (Bruce, Cascarino, Sutton)	6,009

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford United	44	26	11	7	86	47	89
Wimbledon	45	25	9	11	95	76	84
Sheffield United	45	23	11	11	84	53	80
Hull City	43	22	13	8	69	37	79
Bristol Rovers	44	21	12	11	65	52	75
Walsall	45	22	8	15	67	60	74
Bradford City	44	20	11	13	72	58	71
Gillingham	45	20	9	16	73	68	69
Millwall	43	17	13	13	66	61	64
Bolton Wanderers	45	18	10	17	55	56	64
Orient	44	18	9	17	69	76	63
Burnley	44	16	14	14	76	57	62
Newport County	44	16	13	15	57	72	61
Lincoln City	45	16	10	19	58	60	58
Wigan Athletic	44	15	13	16	44	52	58
Preston North End	45	14	11	20	64	65	53
Bournemouth	45	15	7	23	59	72	52
Rotherham	43	13	9	21	48	60	48
Brentford	44	11	14	19	67	77	47
Scunthorpe	44	9	18	17	53	68	45
Plymouth Argyle	43	11	11	21	49	60	44
Southend United	44	10	13	21	54	74	43
Port Vale	43	9	10	24	47	80	37
Exeter City	45	6	15	24	50	81	33

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 2, Alfreton 1; Guiseley 3, Ilkeston 3; Guisborough 1, Spalding 1.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 2, Dagenham 4.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Final: second leg: Sutton United 2, Wycombe 0 (agg 3-1).

LEAGUE DIVISION IV

Home	HT	FT	FT	HT	Away	Att
BLACKPOOL (Britton 3, Stonehouse)	(1)	4	0	(0)	HALIFAX	2,324
CHESTER (Zelem)	(0)	1	2	(1)	BRISTOL C (Morgan 2)	3,900
COLCHESTER (Bowen, Adcock, Larkin (og))	(1)	3	0	(0)	HEREFORD	1,286
CREWE (Waller)	(0)	1	3	(3)	MANSFIELD (Caldwell 3)	1,810
READING (White)	(0)	1	0	(0)	TRANMERE	6,989
YORK (Byrne, Hood, Ford)	(2)	3	0	(0)	BURY	8,023

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York City	45	31	8	6	85	37	101
Bristol City	46	24	10	12	70	44	82
Reading	45	22	15	8	81	53	81
Doncaster R	43	22	13	8	79	53	79
Aldershot	44	22	8	14	75	66	74
Blackpool	44	21	9	14	70	49	72
Colchester United	45	17	16	12	68	48	67
Peterborough	44	17	14	13	71	46	65
Torquay United	44	17	13	14	58	63	64
Tranmere Rovers	44	16	15	13	51	48	63
Stockport County	44	17	11	16	60	61	62
Hereford United	45	15	15	15	52	52	60
Crewe Alexandra	44	16	10	18	56	65	58
Chesterfield	44	14	15	15	54	58	57
Bury	45	14	14	17	59	63	56
Swindon Town	44	14	13	17	56	54	55
Darlington	43	16	6	21	45	48	54
Northampton	45	13	14	18	52	76	53
Mansfield Town	45	12	13	20	63	69	49
Halifax Town	45	11	12	22	51	88	45
Rochdale	45	10	13	22	61	80	43
Wrexham	42	9	13	20	47	68	40
Hartlepool United	44	9	9	26	43	82	36
Chester City	45	7	13	25	45	81	34

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

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Not including last night's results

Racing: Stoute's colt can take advantage of maidens' allowance in Chester Vase

Falstaff can give encouragement to Alphabatim's supporters

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

As the search for one to beat El Gran Señor in the Derby begins in earnest, all eyes will be on Falstaff in the Chester Vase on the famous Roodeye this afternoon. Not because he is seen as a likely threat to the brilliant winner of Saturday's 2,000 Guineas at Epsom at the beginning of June, but because he can shed some more light on Alphabatim by winning today's Derby trial, which has been sponsored by Shaik Mohammed's Dalham Stud for the first time.

Falstaff is trained by Michael Stoute, who also trained Shergar, the easy winner of this race in 1981. Obviously Falstaff is no Shergar, but he has run well enough behind Alphabatim on two occasions – first in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster last October and then again in the Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown Park last month – to suggest that he ought to be capable of taking full advantage of the 4lb maidens allowance that he will be getting from Alleging, Lake Valentina and Royal Halo this afternoon.

Lake Valentina and Royal Halo are much of a muchness judged on how they ran behind Trojan Fen at Newmarket and basically Falstaff has the beating of Lake Valentina if you go back to the Futurity in which they finished fourth and fifth. So I regard Alleging, who finished a close third in the Blue Riband Trial at Epsom, as Falstaff's main danger.

Alleging will be ridden by Pat Eddery in place of Lester Piggott, who is suspended because of an incident at Sandown last month. Eddery's confidence should be sky high after that thrilling experience on El Gran Señor at Newmarket. No matter what Alleging achieves I will expect him to win the Lily Agnes Stakes on Dancer's Shadow (nap) and perhaps the Kingswood Kitchens Trophy as well on Hooligan who won at Chester last season.

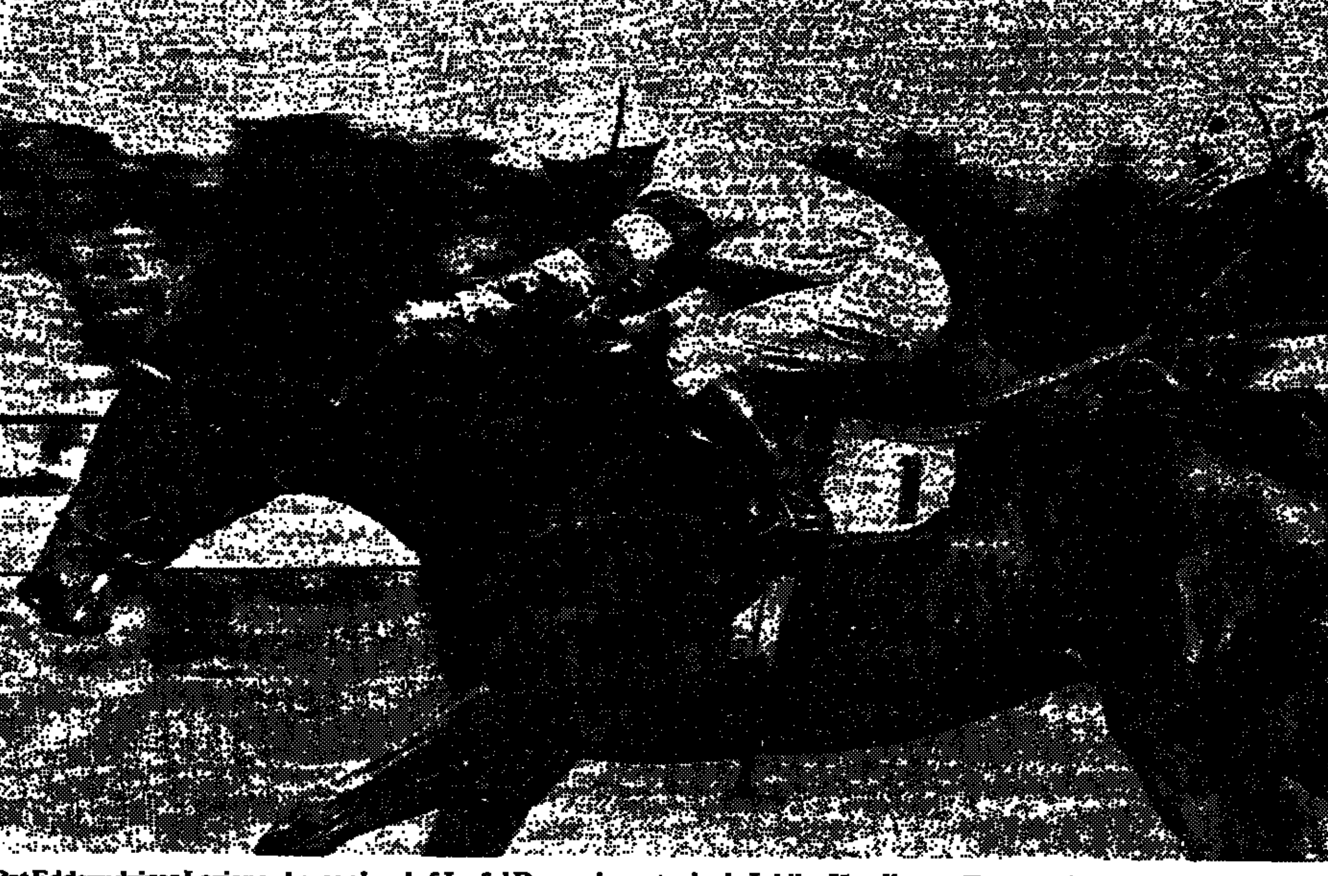
Dancer's Shadow is a sharp looking colt by Artaius out of a mare by Dancer's Image. When he made all the running to win his first and only race so far at Newbury he looked just the type to bring to Chester, because he has the necessary speed to take advantage of his good low draw near the inside rails.

Eddery will also be on Calfucci, another to have won at Newbury already this spring, in the Grosvenor Stakes at the end of the day, but here I feel inclined to take a chance with River Ceiriog, whose elder half sister, Cormorant Wood, did so well for their enthusiastic owner and breeder Bobby McAlpine last year. River Ceiriog may never scale the same heights as the winner of last year's Champion Stakes, but he still ran well enough in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket last month to catch my eye. The form of that race has worked out well in the meantime.

Wylfa (3.0), who also ran quite well in the same race is one to note at Redcar, where Hay Street may well be up to beating Bechemal in the Mackinlay Memorial Handicap, having already beaten such nippy sprinters as Don Martino, Form Master, Lightning Girl and Daring Display in two races at Thirsk.



Michael Stoute: trainer of Falstaff (3.15 Chester)



Pat Eddery drives Larionov home ahead of Joyful Dancer in yesterday's Jubilee Handicap at Kempton (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Carson weighs in with Doncaster double

By Michael Seely

Willie Carson had an afternoon of mixed fortunes at Doncaster yesterday, making his return to the saddle after an enforced three day holiday for his careless riding of Guess Again at the Epsom spring meeting, the reigning champion jockey finished unplaced on Mazzi and Teleprompter, the favourites for two of the sponsored races. However, Carson ended the day on a high note by landing a double at odds of over 26-1 on Cama's Lake and Peckitt's Well.

Mazzi may have been unlucky not to have been concerned in the finish of the Riboboy Handicap. Carson tried to send the favourite through a gap on the far rails approaching the last furlong, but his ground was taken by the leader, Tophams Taverns who was hanging to the left. The jockey stood up in the stirrups and afterwards claimed that he had been "murdered".

After Tophams Taverns had finished third to Dorset Venture, the stewards held an inquiry. They decided that although interference had occurred, it had been accidental and allowed the original placings to stand. Bobby Elliott, the jockey on Tophams Taverns may have been lucky not to have been in trouble, as he had been riding hard with his whip in his right hand. But as no patrol cameras were in action due to the one-day strike by Racecourse Technical Services the authorities gave Elliott the benefit of the doubt.

Dorset Venture was gaining his third victory of the second for the Burton-on-Trent trainer, Barry Morgan. Previously the three year old had beaten Remembrance by three lengths at Newcastle and yesterday was backed from 6-1 to 4-1 to give a repeat performance. "He's improving all the time," the trainer said, "and he should manage to win again before the handicapper gets hold of him."

Teleprompter started 5-2 favourite for the Longholes Stud Spring Handicap, but could finish only sixth behind Basil Boy. Carson attempted to launch a challenge on the far rails on Lord Derby's four-year-old, but an opening never materialized.

This was a competitive race and a good one to watch. After Video Man had made the early running, Tony Ives drove Lobkowiez into the lead over a furlong from home, but Steve Cauthen produced Basil Boy with a well-timed run in the last furlong to win by a length. This victory gave Cauthen the season's leading rider his 22nd winner of the campaign.

Basil Boy is an amazingly consistent handicapper. Last season he won two races for Richard Hannon and also finished third in the Lincoln and the Cambridgeshire. Last time out the five-year-old had finished up to My Tony in the City and Suburban Handicap at Epsom.

Ives felt ill after his strenuous efforts on Lobkowiez and gave up the winning ride on Tapouscha in the "Help a Child" Selling Stakes to Nicky Connorton. "I have probably been wasting too hard lately, but I feel all right now and will be riding again at Chester tomorrow."

Carson had to work hard for his first success on Cama's Lake in the ICI Petrol Maiden Stakes. It took a deal of forceful driving before the Scotsman forced Luca Cumani's three-year-old past Borodino and Tamino in the last furlong. "This is the most expensive yearling I have ever bought," the trainer said. "I took a chance when I gave $200,000 at Keeneland and I had to find eight part-owners for the colt."

Cama's Lake had started at 12-1 and was comparatively unfancied. But the world and his wife seemed to know that Peckitt's Well was going to win the NSPCC Centenary Stakes. Starting a heavily backed favourite at 11-10, the two-year-old sprinted home one and a half lengths clear of Esilam.

Carson stayed talking to Mick Easterby, the winning trainer, too long for the trainer's liking afterwards. Terrified that the jockey might be too late to weigh in, he pointed him firmly in the direction of the weighing room. "Don't miss the scales, now," he said, "I've had my brains on this one."

'No photo' controversy

There was no photo finish at Kempton Park yesterday, and controversy raged over two races, with jockeys and trainers claiming they had been robbed of victory. The trouble stemmed from industrial action by the camera operators employed by Racecourse Technical Services. They are in dispute over a wage claim, and were holding a meeting in London yesterday.

Graham Wemyss, the judge, gave Qualitair Prince as the head winner of the Hanson White Handicap, but Pat Eddery, runner-up on Star of Ireland, was convinced the judge got it wrong. "I knew I had won it by a short head", Eddery said. "Immediately after the race I told Taffy Thomas on Qualitair Prince that I had won it."

Wemyss said: "Qualitair Prince won it. If there had been any doubt I would have given a dead heat." The final race also sparked drama when Wemyss gave the short head verdict to the 13-8 on favourite, Run With The Wind, the mount of Eddery. Bruce Raymond, on the runner-up, Odd Man Out, said: "There is no doubt I won it by a head."

Eddery had earlier initiated a double on Larionov, who defied top weight of 9st 11lb in the British Car Auctions Jubilee Handicap. Larionov will now be aimed at a group race in France.

Releta's fast time is highlight of Baimbridge treble

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Dick Baimbridge has had the misfortune to lose three good horses this season but his luck changed on Saturday when he had three winners at the Berkeley. Alison Dare rode two of them.

Her first winner was Royal Classic in the Hunt race, in which the popular local horse, Apixy Apaxy, broke a leg and had to be destroyed. It was no surprise that Romulex, her other winner, was long odds-on for the Maiden following fine performances in hunter chases, including a length defeat by Tawny Myth at Wincanton.

Most impressive of the three trained by Baimbridge, however, was Releta. Bought cheaply at the Newmarket sales, this five-year-old, by Relkino, looks to have a bright future. On his first outing he was a fence clear when falling and next time out he was in the lead when his saddle slipped.

At the Ledbury, on his third outing, he won the maiden by a distance and on Saturday, ridden again by Nigel Oliver, he won the Restricted Open in a time 10 seconds faster than any other race.

It is still nip and tuck in both the open and novice men's championships. Peter Greenall and David Turner took their totals to 16 in the Daily Telegraph Cup with one win apiece, Greenall on Killinik Buck at the Fernie and Turner on Laurel Hill at the Essex and Suffolk.

In the Grand Marnier Novice Riders' Championship, Bruce Dowling won on Lay-the-Trump for the seventh time this season at the Albrighton to bring his total to nine. This put him level with Steve West who drew a blank on Saturday.

There was a thrilling finish to the Ladies' Open at this meeting with The Froddler (Jane Hewitt) beating Carol Lee on Majetta Crescent by a short head after a fine race between this pair, Pastry Brush and Ballyo.

Despite heavy watering, fields at the Berks and Bucks meeting were small and the attendance poor. Jenny Pidgeon increased her lead in the ladies' championship with wins on Random Leg and Scotch On The Rocks. Mighty Runner made all in the Open to show that his 20-1 win at Chaddesley Corbett the previous week was no fluke.

Doreen Calder maintained her challenge for the Sporting Life Trophy when winning the Adjacent at the Lauderdale on Flying Ace. This put her two behind Miss Pidgeon while Flying Ace's victory keeps him ahead in the Grand Marnier Trophy.

Although racing has now finished in Scotland, it is intended to take Flying Ace to Yorkshire for a couple of races prior to his main objective, the RMC Ladies Hunter Chase Championship at Chepstow on Spring Bank Holiday Monday.

Grant Cann landed a treble at the Devon and Somerset. After making all to win the Members' race on Cinbar, he had further successes on Tinkers Quest and Rosebergen, who surprised at 10-1. Conditions at Holnicote were excellent and 73 runners turned out. This augurs well for Saturday when the Minehead and Somerset race there.

At the Llangeinor, Crosstown, the favourite, looked to have the Open sewn up approaching three out but was then outjumped by Loch Raven who took the lead at the second last and won on merit. Ridden as usual by Brian Eckley, this was Loch Raven's third open win in as many weeks but in between he fell in a hunter chase at Chepstow.

Michael Bannister, the joint master of the Pendle Forest and Craven, won the Hunt Cup on the 16-year-old unregistered Bell Busk for the third year running. Nothing too remarkable in this, except that Bannister first won the race in 1954 and has celebrated with a success on each tenth anniversary.

The point-to-point Owners' Association meeting is being held on Thursday afternoon at Woodford. This course rode well on Saturday and if no rain falls, it will be watered again. An entry of almost 300 has been received and with the safety factor reduced to 22 it is likely that there will be more than the six scheduled races.

Finemars hurdle triumph

Peter Scudamore ended a three-week losing run when driving Bajan Sunshine (6-1) to a head victory over Secret Ballot in the £25,000 Tia Maria Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park yesterday. But his triumph soon turned sour. Scudamore was fined £100 for using his whip with unreasonable frequency on last year's Cesarewitch winner.

The video replay showed that Scudamore hit his mount six times between the last two hurdles and 17 times on the run-in before preventing Secret Ballot, winner of this event in 1982, retiring on a winning note.

Bajan Sunshine gave Martin Tate, the Kidderminster trainer, his most important hurdles success in this last big event of the National Hunt season. Tate said: "There was not a mark on my horse and the vet confirmed it. If Peter had not used his whip, Bajan Sunshine would not have won."

Tate, who took over Bajan Sunshine from Rod Simpson after last year's Cesarewitch, will now prepare the five-year-old for The Queen Alexandra Stakes or the Ascot Stakes at Royal Ascot "He won't need a run on the Flat beforehand. I've got super gallops at home," Tate said. "Bajan Sunshin will be turned out after Ascot and will be kept to hurdling next winter, hopefully leading up to the Champion Hurdle."

CHESTER (BBC)

[Televised (BBC 1): 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45]

GOING: good to firm

Draw: up to 7½f, low numbers best

Tote double: 3.15, 4.15. Treble: 2.45, 3.45, 4.45

2.15 LILY AGNES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,666: 5f) (8 runners)

102	3112	COINCIDENTAL (D) (BF) (G Martin) M Lambert 9-3	D Oldham	1
106	21	MY ANNIVERSARY (D) (A Anthony) R Williams 9-0	T Ives	4
107	1222	ABSENT CHIMES (D) (B Hathaway) D Thom 8-11	R Robinson	8
109	1	DANCER'S SHADOW (D) (Mrs H Phillips) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery	3
111	0	HOBOURNES (G Farndon Ltd) J Wilson 8-11	K Darley	6
112	01	MISTER MEANOR (D) (British Thoroughbred Plc) M H Easterby 8-11	K Hodgson	2
114	212	SHOOT POOL (D) (BF) (P Nelson) G Hunter 8-11	S Cauthen	7
118	211	OPERA COMIQUE (D) (B Higgins) B Swift 8-8	J Reid	5

1983: Abandoned – course waterlogged.

6-4 Dancer's Shadow, 7-2 Opera Comique, 5 My Anniversary, 7 Shoot Pool, 10 Absent Chimes, Mister Meanor, 12 Coincidental, 33 Hobournes.

FORM: COINCIDENTAL 2nd at Thirsk last time, (9-4) beat ABSENT CHIMES (9-4) a head at Thirsk previous start (5f, £2,189, good, Apr 13). MY ANNIVERSARY (8-11) ridden out to beat Gwiffina (8-11) ¾l in Sandown maiden (5f, £2,515, good to firm, Apr 27). DANCER'S SHADOW (9-0) made all when comfortable 3l Newbury winner from Aloirm (9-0) (5f, £1,839, good, Apr 13). MISTER MEANOR (9-0) awarded race when short head 2nd to Next Witness (9-0) at Ripon (5f, £1725, firm, Apr 28). First time out MISTER MEANOR (8-11) was 5th, 7l adrift of ABSENT CHIMES (9-3) in 2nd, behind 1½l winner Star Video (9-3) at Ripon (5f, £1,691, good to firm, Apr 18). SHOOT POOL (9-3) ½l 2nd of 3 to Star Video (9-6) at Pontefract (5f, £1,696, firm, Apr 25). OPERA COMIQUE (8-13) short head Folkestone winner from Persian Pleasure (9-2) (5f, £684, good to firm, Apr 16).
Selection: SHOOT POOL

Chester selections

By Mandarin

2.15 DANCER'S SHADOW (nap). 2.45 Hooligan, 3.15 Falstaff, 3.45 Sailor's Dance, 4.15 Passing Storm. 4.45 River Ceiriog.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 My Anniversary. 2.45 Master Cawston, 3.15 Alleging, 3.45 Mill Plantation, 4.15 Dealt, 4.45 Thespian.

By Michael Seely

3.15 Falstaff, 4.15 CALIPH (nap).

2.45 KINGSWOOD KITCHENS TROPHY (Handicap: £4,331: 7f 122yd) (16)

201	011101-	HOLLYWOOD PARTY (CD) (A Shead) B Hills 5-9-10	S Cauthen	2
203	0060-00	COME ON THE BULES (B) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 5-8-11	P Robinson	5
204	0000-10	DUNHAM PARK (Mrs N Nuttall) J FitzGerald 7-8-11	G Brown 7	13
205	00-0212	O I OYSTON (CD) (J Berry) J Berry 8-8-10	K Darley	12
206	1002-03	MASTER CAWSTON (BF) (Swinton Holdings) M Hinchliffe 5-8-9	W R Swinburn	8
207	0031-40	AMARONE (V Advani) R Simpson 4-8-7	J Reid	10
209	104-00	HOOLIGAN (CD) (P Marsh) P Rohan 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	6
211	421-000	ROMANTIC KNIGHT (Mrs N Westbrook) M H Easterby 4-8-0	K Hodgson	3
215	0200-00	SKYBOOT (Mrs B Robinson) C A Bell 5-7-10	W Carson	16
215	041-041	TOP O'TH' LANE (R Coulton) N Bycroft 7-7-9 (7 ex)	L Charnock	1
217	0320-00	THROW ME OVER (T Charlesworth) R Whitaker 4-7-7	W Ryan 5	11
223	21000-4	ROYABER (B) (C Buckley) D Haydn-Jones 8-7-7	R Hills	9
225	04300-0	LAST DEVICE (CD) (P Trevor-Barnston) R Francis 7-7-7	M Fry	14
226	00000-0	BIG LAND (B) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 5-7-7	A Nesbitt	15
227	30000-0	BROMWICH BOY (W Owen) L Barratt 4-7-7	A Proud	7
228	00000-0	HAVEN'S PRIDE (G Syvret) M James 5-7-7	D McKay	4

9-2 Amarone, 5 Top O Th' Lane, 7 Master Cawston, Hollywood Party, 8 O I Oyston, 10 Romantic Knight, Royaber, Hooligan, 12 Dunham Park, 14 Come On The Blues, 16 Throw Me Over, 20 others.

FORM: HOLLYWOOD PARTY odds-on winner of stakes race last time, earlier (9-7) beat ROYABER (7-11) easy 5l in h'cap over course and distance (£3,444, good, Aug 20). Further ½l back that day was LASR DEVICE (7-7), while O I OYSTON (8-7) could finish only 8th. COME ON THE BLUES well beaten both starts this season, has shown little since running 5½l 5th (8-4) to Able Albert (8-11) at York, when THROW ME OVER (7-12) was another 10l back in 6th (7f, £3,881, good, Aug 18). DUNHAM PARK (9-5) under 8l 8th to Wibis Range (8-8) at Thirsk, with TOP O'TH'LANE (7-13) about 3l ahead in 4th and HOOLIGAN (9-5) not in first 10 (8f, £2,839, good, Apr 13). Previously DUNHAM PARK (9-13- 1l winner from O I OYSTON (9-12) at Catterick when ROMANTIC KNIGHT (9-11) was 12th (7f, £923, soft, Mar 28). AMARONE (8-7) under 5l 5th to Harlow (8-13- at Leicester (7f, £7,752, good to firm, Apr 28). HOOLIGAN (9-0) 10l maiden winner from Pittsfield (9-0) over course and distance (£1,759, good, Aug 20). TOP O'TH'LANE (8-0) scored narrow Haydock win with SKYBOOT (8-7) about 4l adrift in 8th and ROMANTIC KNIGHT (8-11) out of first 10 (7f, £2,784, firm, Apr 21).
Selection: HOLLYWOOD PARTY

3.15 DALHAM CHESTER VASE (Group III: 3-y-o: £17,684: 1m 4f 65yd) (7)

301	11-3	ALLEGING (E Holding) H Cecil 8-12	Pat Eddery	3
303	10-0	LAKE VALENTINA (Sir E Harrison) B Hills 8-12	S Cauthen	5
304	1-14	ROYAL HALO (Mrs D Campbell) G Harwood 8-12	B Rouse	2
306	00-124	WING AND A PRAYER (D Harrison) A Bailey 8-12	T Ives	4
307	334-3	FALSTAFF (H Keith) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn	1
308	33-3	KAYTU (R Khan) W Hern 8-8	W Carson	6
309	4-0	KING OF NAPLES (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-8	J Reid	7

2 Alleging, 7-2 Falstaff, 4 Lake Valentina, Royal Halo, 6 Kaytu, 16 King Of Naples, 20 Wing And A Prayer.

3.15 FORM: ALLEGING (8-9) stayed on, ½l 3rd to Long Pond (8-6) (Epsom 8f, £24,318, firm, Apr 24) ROYAL HALO (9-4) 3l 4th to Trojan Fen (9-4) with LAKE VALENTINA (9-4) a short head away in 5th, (Newmarket 9f, £7,778, good to firm, Apr 19). WING AND A PRAYER (9-4) 6l 4th to rough Pearl (8-3) (Kempton 1m 4f, £3,778, firm, Apr 23). FALSTAFF (8-7) 4½l 3rd to Alphabatim (9-0) (Sandown 1m 2f, £19,575, good to firm, Apr 28). KAYTU (9-0) just under ½l 3rd to Calfucci (9-0) (Newbury 8f, £2,914, good, Apr 14) KING OF NAPLES (9-0) 8th to Shmaireekh (9-0) (Newbury 8f, £2,914, good, Apr 14).
Selection: FALSTAFF

3.45 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP (£3,973: 1m 2f 85yd) (7)

401	202000-	SAILOR'S DANCE (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 4-10-0	W Carson	2
407	/0000-0	MILL PLANTATION (E Moller) G Wragg 5-8-1	R Hills	4
408	113-020	MARSHALLA (D Berestord) J Wilson 4-8-1	K Darley	6
410	20400-0	FLYING SCOTSMAN (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 4-7-8	W Ryan 5	3
411	33100-1	HILLSDOWN GOLD (B) (F Walker) I Vickers 7-7-7 (6 ex)	S Dawson 5	5
413	000-000	EVEN BANKER (L Ward) D Sasse 5-7-7	D McKay	1
415	300-000	BROCKLEY BELLE (C Spares) C Spares 5-7-7	B Crossley	7

5-2 Sailor's Dance, 3 Hillsdown Gold, 4 Marshalla, Mill Plantation, 12 Flying Scotsman, 14 Even Banker, 20 Brockley Belle

FORM: SAILORS DANCE (8-11) last of 26 to All Along (9-1) (Longchamp 1m 4f) £228,728, firm, Oct 2). MILL PLANTATION (8-8) out of first 9 to Gay Lemur (8-8) (Newbury 1m 4f, £15,004, good, Apr 14). FLYING SCOTSMAN (8-5) stayed on 7th to Florida Son (9-6) (Haydock 1m 2f, £3,174, good, Apr 4). HILLSDOWN GOLD (7-11) neck winner from Steel Venture (8-2) (Newcastle 1m 2f, £2,679, good to soft, Apr 21). EVEN BANKER (7-7) out of first 9 to Moores Metal (8-12) (Newcastle 8f, £5,970, good, Apr 23) BROCKLEY BELLE (7-12) out of first 9 to Stylish Mover (8-0) (Epsom 8f, £2,383, firm, Apr 25).
Selection: FLYING SCOTSMAN

4.15 PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,129: 5f) (16)

501	3241-0	PASSING STORM (D) (Baroness H Thyssen) R Johnson Houghton 9-7	S Cauthen	4
502	1220-	RED LINE FEVER (D) (R Sangster) M Jarvis 9-5	B Raymond	6
503	011214-	JEEMA (CD) (H Al-Tajer) H Thomson Jones 9-6	A Murray	3
504	2203-04	DERRY RIVER (D) (B) (P Goulandris) D Laing 9-6	T Williams 7	1
505	40210-0	GENTLE GYPSY (D) (J Prenn) J Winter 9-0	W R Swinburn	14
507	0123-	COUNTESS CONCORDE (Mrs R Rogers) B Hanbury 8-13	NON-RUNNER	16
508	1300-42	CLANTIME (D) (Clantime Ltd) J Berry 8-12	Pat Eddery	5
509	4100-30	DUNANT (D) (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11	W Carson	11
511	202-020	PHILSTAR (D) (B) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 8-6	T Ives	9
512	01-0	KAZAROW (D) (Mrs V McKinney) H Collingridge 8-5	A Barclay	7
513	44-01	CALIPH (D) (V Advani) R Simpson 7-13 (7 ex)	S Whitworth 7	12
515	410-0	NELLIE BLY (D) (B) (Mrs R Hutchison) M H Easterby 7-11	–	2
516	21-	POWDER PUFF (T Hemmings) C Nelson 7-11	M Hills	8
517	40100-0	ABOUDI (D) (Mrs S Al-Mulla) B Hills 7-9	R Hills	15
519	04-13	FORM MASTER (D) (D Smith) Denys Smith 7-8	M Fry	13
520	000-213	DEALT (D) (Lady Clanwilliam) J Toller 7-7	A Mackay	10

5 Clantime, 7 Derry River, Caliph, 8 Jeema, Dealt, 9 Passing Storm, 10 Gentle Gypsy, Red Line Fever, 12 Powder Puff, 14 Form Master, Nellie Bly, 16 others.

FORM: JEEMA (8-6) 2¾l 4th to Petorius (9-0) (Ayr 5f, £10,470, soft, Sept 15, DERRY RIVER (7-13) 7l 4th to Sayf El Arab(9-10) (Kempton 6f, £,656, firm, Apr 23). COUNTESS CONCORDE (9-7) 1½l 3rd to Brave Advance (8-11) (Goodwood 5f, £4,598, firm, July 29). CLANTIME (9-0) neck 2nd to Native Hero (7-13) with DEALT (7-9) a further head away in 3rd and GENTLE GYPSY (9-4) another 4¾l back in 6th (Newbury 5f, £3,061, good, Apr 13). KAZAROW (9-0) last of 8 to Creag-an-Sgor (9-0) (Newbury 7f, £15,512, good, Apr 14). CALIPH (9-0) neck winner from His Dream (9-0) (Sandown 5f, £2,670, good to firm, Apr 38).
Selection: COUNTESS CONCORDE

4.45 GROSVENOR STAKES (3-y-o: £3,454: 1m 2f 85yd) (11)

601	3-1	CALFUCCI (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-5	Pat Eddery	1
62	04-313	CATALDI (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood) 9-5	A Clark	11
606	000-24	CARO'S LAD (E Moller) G Wragg 8-12	J Reid	7
607	22-40	CHAUMIERE (R Swift) R Williams 8-12	T Ives	9
608		CITIZEN BULL (C St George) B Hills 8-12	R Hills	2
611	0-0	MENINGI (Lady Beaverbrook) M Jarvis 8-12	B Raymond	3
615	0	RIVER CEIRIOG (R McAlpine) B Hills 8-12	S Cauthen	10
616	00-2	STRAIGHT MAN (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-12	W Carson	5
617	023-44	VILLAGE POSTMAN (G Bates) W Guest 8-12	A Bond	8
618	00	ACTIA (Lord Kenyon) E Owen jun 8-9		–
620	3000-	THESPIAN (J Hambro) B Hobbs 8-9	G Baxter	4

11-4 Calfucci, 7-2 Cataldi, Straight Man, 9-2 River Ceiriog, 7 Chaumiere, 9 Caro's Lad

FORM: CALFUCCI (9-0) short head winner of Newbury maiden from Foche (9-0) (8f, £2,893, good, Apr 14). CATALDI 3rd at Brighton last week, (9-0) beat Petrizzo (9-0) 7l at Beverley (1m 2f, £2147, good to soft, Apr 7). CARO'S LAD (9-0) 4¾l 4th to Karlen (9-0) at Newmarket (8f, £4,074, good to firm, May 3) CHAUMIERE poor 7th to Keen at Kempton last time, previously 5¾l 4th (8-10) to Royal Halo (8-10) at same track (8f, £4,461, good to soft, Apr 6). RIVER CEIRIOG (9-0) never near to challenge when 10½l 6th to Bank Parade (9-0) in the Wood Ditton (Newmarket, 8f, £4,390, good to firm, Apr 18). STRAIGHT MAN (9-0) 2½l 2nd and MENINGI (9-0) another 18¾l away in 7th to Fire Bay (9-0) at Haydock (1m 2½f, £3,625, firm, Apr 21).
Selection: CATALDI

REDCAR

GOING: firm

DRAW: No advantage

2.0 KILTON SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £979: 5f) (11 runners)

1		BOSWORTH BOY (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 8-11	M Hindley 7	4
2		FARLINGTON (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 8-11	S Perks	6
7	000	NICE BUSINESS (B) (T Taylor) N Tinkler 8-11	–	3
9	0002	PHILIP (B) (D Marley) N Tinkler 8-11	E Hide	5
13	000	WENTHOM (Wentdale Const Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-11	S Webster	8
14	0002	AILSA PEARL (R Johnston) G Harman 8-8	B Coogan	10
16		CUSHY (Mrs P Rohan) P Rohan 8-8	R Fahey 7	9
19	14	LIGHT DAWN (D) (B Kenyon) J Berry 8-8	G Duffield	1
21		MONTAGU MISS (R Graham) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-8	M Birch	2
22		RAJELDI (Sir T Wilson) P Rohan 8-8	C Dwyer	11
27	000	WHY WORK (T Barron) T Barron 8-8	S Keightley	7

1983: Meeting abandoned – waterlogged course

9-4 Why Work, 3 Light Dawn, 9-2 Philip, 6 Nice Business, 7 Ailsa Pearl, 10 Wenthom, 16 others.

Redcar selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Philip. 2.30 Hay Street. 3.0 Wylfa. 3.30 Val Climber. 4.0 Tuxford Hideaway. 4.30 Rabirius.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Bechamel. 3.0 Maldoror. 4.0 Music Nymph. 4.30 Dick Knight.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 Ribirius.

2.30 MACKINLAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,645: 6f) (6)

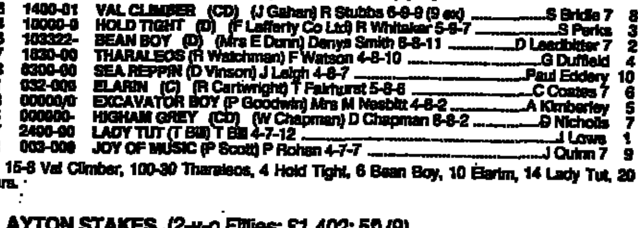
1	431-0	BECHAMEL (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-7	D McHargue	4
2	0003-11	HAY STREET (D) (Lord Matthews) Mrs J Reavey 9-7 (9 ex)	E Hide	1
5	0314-00	BURBRIDGE DANCER (B) (D) (Burbridge Sports) P Felgate 8-12	M Miller	6
7	2200-00	SNOW CHILD (D) (Mrs R Carson) Denys Smith 8-10	D Leadbitter 7	2
10	00-0020	SULLY'S CHOICE (B) (W Chapman) D Chapman 8-5	D Nicholls	3
13	340-000	JESTERS PET (C) (T Bell) R Whitaker 8-1	N Carlisle	5

4-6 Hay Street, 4 Bechamel, 5 Snow Child, 7 Sully's Choice, 12 Burbrige Dancer, 16 Jesters Pet.

3.0 DANBY MAIDEN STAKES (£1,770: 1m 2f) (14)

1	0000/	CUMANA (P Rohan) P Rohan 4-9-7	R Fahey 7	12
2	00	HIGH EAGLE (J Parkman) R Holder 4-9-7	R Cochrane	6
3	0-000	HIGH RATED (B) (M Brittan) D Plant 4-9-7	B Coogan	10
6		SHAW BROW (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 4-9-7	D Leadbitter 7	5
9		CHANTENO (W Smith) J Parkes 5-9-4	A Mercer	14
11	0000-0u	LADY CAROL (C Tomkins) N Bycroft 4-9-4	C Dwyer	1
12	00-	SHALLOT GIRL (P Mellor) F Watson 4-9-4	–	9
15	06-	BALLYCRACKERS (Mrs J Conway) M H Easterby 3-8-5	M Birch	11
19	u0020-0	BREWIS (B) (Mrs A Sigsworth) D Chapman 3-8-5	D Nicholls	13
21	3-	BRUALILAD (Mrs E Watson) M H Easterby 3-8-5	–	2
34		MALDOROR (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	8
40	0	WYLFA (Lord Mostyn) M Stoute 3-8-5	A Kimberley	7
44	0000-	MANGALA'S PRIDE (Mrs M Ward) T Fairhurst 3-8-2	R P Elliott	3
46	4004-00	PROCEEDING (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 3-8-2	J Lowe	4

8-11 Maldoror, 3 Wylfa, 8 Brewis, 10 Proceeding, 14 High Eagle, 20 others.



3.30 HUNTCLIFFE HANDICAP (£1,644: 1m 4f) (10)

3	1400-01	VAL CLIMBER (CD) (J Gahan) R Stubbs 6-9-9 (9 ex)	S Bridle 7	8
4	10000-0	HOLD TIGHT (D) (F Lafferty Co Ltd) R Whitaker 5-9-7	S Perks	3
6	103322-	BEAN BOY (D) (Mrs E Dunn) Denys Smith 8-8-11	D Leadbitter 7	2
7	1030-00	THARALEOS (R Watchman) F Watson 4-8-10	G Duffield	4
8	0300-00	SEA REPPIN (D Vinson) J Leigh 4-8-7	Paul Eddery	10
11	032-000	ELARIN (C) (R Cartwright) T Fairhurst 5-8-6	C Coates 7	6
13	00000/0	EXCAVATOR BOY (P Goodwin) Mrs M Nesbitt 4-8-2	A Kimberley	5
14	000000-	HIGHAM GREY (CD) (W Chapman) D Chapman 8-8-2	D Nicholls	7
17	2400-00	LADY TUT (T Bill) T Bill 4-7-12	J Lowe	1
21	003-000	JOY OF MUSIC (P Scott) P Rohan 4-7-7	J Quinn 7	9

15-8 Val Climber, 100-30 Tharaleos, 4 Hold Tight, 6 Bean Boy, 10 Elarin, 14 Lady Tut, 20 others.

4.0 AYTON STAKES (2-y-o Fillies: £1,402: 5f) (9)

2	1	MUSIC NYMPH (D) (D Harrison) A Bailey 9-1	P Bloomfield 5	4
3	1	PRETTY FACE (D) (A Spence) J Berry 9-1	S Horsfall 5	9
7		CRAFTY POTTER (J Burton) W Bentley 8-8	R P Elliott	1
8		DRAGAPUSS (Dr C Emmerson) W Haigh 8-8	S Webster	6
9		ELLEL (Mrs A Birkett) E Weymes 8-8	G Duffield	3
10	2	HUNSLET (Mrs M Liles) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	7
12		MILINA (Mrs A Sigsworth) M W Easterby 8-8	G P Kelly	2
18	0	POKEY'S PET (Mrs K Lockwood) W Haigh 8-8	M Wood	8
22	22	TUXFORD HIDEAWAY (J Abell) R Whitaker 8-8	S Perks	5

5-2 Hunslet, 3 Music Nymph, 4 Tuxford Hideaway, 6 Pretty Face, 9 Milina, 12 Pokey's Pet, 16 others.

4.30 ESTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,665: 1m) (8)

2	00-00	DICK KNIGHT (Mrs J Bailey) A Bailey 9-7	P Bloomfield 5	2
9	0011-00	NATINA-MAY (C) (J Eardley) T Fairhurst 8-13	R P Elliott	3
10	430-0	RECORD HARVEST (Sheikh Mohammed) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	6
14	000-0	NO SHARING (Mrs J Trendell) A Jarvis 8-7	Paul Eddery	7
16	000-	HIGHVIEW (D Chapman) D Chapman 8-7	D Nicholls	5
20	000-0	CULMINATE (M Brittain) D Plant 8-2	B Coogan	1
22	00000-0	CAPTAIN TOMBIE (Mrs T Hall) Miss S Hall 7-10	N Carlisle	4
24	000-031	RABIRIUS (T Umpleby) W Bentley 8-1 (7 ex)	M Wood	8

13-8 Rabirius, 100-30 Record Harvest, 9-2 Natina May, 5 Dick Knight, 8 Captain Tombie, 14 others.

Results from four meetings on the Flat

Kempton Park

Going: good

1.45 (1m 2f) 1, QUALITAIR PRINCE (M L Thomas, 9-1); 2, Star of Ireland (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 3, Sunoak (B Rouse, 6-1); 4, Record Wing (B Crossley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Rio Deva, 7 Rapid Lad, 8 Redden, 12 Socks Up, Taqdir, 14 Paternoster Row, 16 Tachyros, 20 Pallavicina, Winart, 25 Chief Speaker, Nashaab, 33 Majestic Star, Hello Soldier. 17 ran. Hd, 3l. M Ryan at Newmarket. TOTE: £11.00; £2.80, £2.40, £1.30, £4.80. £34.00. CSF: £106.84 Tricast £647.20.

2.15 (7f) 1, GLEN NA SMOLE (M L Thomas, 6-1); 2, The Thrasher (P Tulk, 25-1); 3, Western Dancer (B Rouse, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt fav Coping (4th), Bossy Boots, 8 Zio Peppino, 9 Viceroy Lad, 10 Birdwood, Calman, 12 Hit The Heights, 14 Singing Boy, 20 Alcinous, Inset Lady. 13 ran. 2l, ½. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. TOTE: £10.70, £2.90, £30.30, £3.00. DF: £172.00. CSF, £123.63. Tricast: £1,342.05.

2.45 (1m) 1, LARIONOV (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 2, JOYFUL DANCER (R Fox, 5-1 jt fav); 3, Wibis Range (M L Thomas, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 jt fav Rangefinder, 6 Moores Metal, Some Lute, 9 Alawir (4th), 11 Tetron Bay, 14 Himorre, Miss Bali Beach, 20 Minmax. 11 ran. 1l, 1l. J Winter at Newmrket. TOTE: £11.90; £3.30, £1.60, £2.20. Df: £16.70. CSF: £55.14. Tricast £335.67.

3.15 (6f) 1, FAR TOO YOUNG (R Curant, 14-1); 2, Rossana Park (M L Thomas, 11-2); 3, Al Bayan (A Murray, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Balearica, 11-2 Elise Brooks, 7 Daring Display (4th), 12 Fleur De Lyphard, 25 Make Me Happy, Minstrels Shoe, 33 Kingsfold Swift, Mizpah, 50 Dorame, Glint of Silver, Harvest Princess, Madame De Coombe, Nelson's Lady, Smashing Pet. 17 ran. 3l, 3l. R Smyly at Lambourn. TOTE: £83.60; £11.70, £1.90, £4.50. DF: £239.50. CSF: £79.11.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, RAGINDA (R Cochrane, 20-1); 2, Knight's Heir (P Cook, 10-1); 3, Vitanges (B Rouse, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Moresby, 5 Avon Vale, 7, Starting Point, 11 Orville's Song, 14 Genzyme Gene, 16 Balaclava Hussar, Canonbury Flyer, 20 Bombard (4th), Pearl King, 33 Electric Fairy, My Chena, Shenafona. 15 ran. 7l, 3l. R Sheather at Newmarket. TOTE: £18.20; £4.10, £3.90, £2.10. DF: £54.40. CSF: £193.95. Sold to Mr B Myers for 4,000 guineas.

4.15 (5f) 1, RUN WITH THE WIND (Pat Eddery, 8-13); 2, Odd Man Out (B Raymond, 3-1); 3, Jolly Business (P Waldron, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Stable Relations (4th), 12 Johnnie Nap, 25 Mecelim, 33 Kalymour, Shamin's Pride. 8 ran. NR: Tagore. Sh hd, ¾l. R Hannon at Marlborough. TOTE: £1.70; £1.20, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £3.34. Tote Double: £319.85. Treble: £187.70. Placepot £1,973.40. Jackpot: not won. Pool carried forward to Chester today: £2,725.24. Single winner bonus pool of £24,545.70 carried forward to Chester today.

Haydock Park

GOING:

2.0 (5f) 1, Y I OYSTON (K Darley, 13-8 fav); 2, Storm Burst (E Guest, 11-4); 3, Pallingora (C Dwyer, 11-1). Also ran: 7-2 Croyland Pride, 4 Smokey Gem, 18 Shellman. 6 ran. 4l, 1½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.00, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £5.20. CSF: £8.90.

2.30 1, KEVINSFORT (M Dwyer, 8-13 fav); 2, Native Break (S Morshead, 11-8). 2 ran. 10l. J FitzGerald at Malton. Tote: £1.30.

3.10 1, BAJAN SUNSHINE (P Scudamore, 6-1); 2, Secret Ballot (Steve Knight, 9-1); 3, Sundower Lad (N Coleman, 33-1). Also ran: 3-1 fav Cardinal Flower, 15-2 Dalbury, 9 Silver Wind, 10 Park Rainbow, 11 Sula Bula, 12 Migrator, 14 Jade And Diamond (4th), Cool Decision, Hill-Street-Blues, 16 Robin Wonder, 20 Brave Hussar, Westway Lad. 15 ran. Hd, 2l. M Tate at Kidderminster. Tote: £5.30, £1.80, £3.40, £10.80. DF: £28.10. CSF: £59.91. Tricast: £1,554.33.

3.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, SEA IMAGE (B de Haan, 4-6 fav); 2, Tynwald Millenium (J O'Neill, 11.10). 2 ran. NR: The Irish Rhine. 7l. F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £1.40.

4.10 (6f) 1, IL TIGRE (D McHargue, 1-2 fav); 2, Conrams (K Hodgson, 13-2); 3, Never Turn Back (L Charnock, 14-1). Also ran: 9-2 The Rotter (4th), 9 Daddy's Pleasure, 16 Merton, 25 Bombay Bibi, 33 Risky Mac, Tiddlyeyelye. 9 ran. 3l, 1l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £2.70. DF: £5.40. CSF: £5.72.

4.40 (2m 28yd) 1, THE PAWN (G Baxter, 9-4); 2, Rhid Tawl (D McHargue, 7-4 fav); 3, Frasass (D Nicholls, 6-1). Also ran: 11-4 Pearlpin (4th), 10 Atlantic Traveller. 5 ran. ¾l, 10l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.00, £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF. £8.74.

Tote double: £8.80. Treble: £2.10. Placepot £5.90.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm.

2.0 (1m) 1, DORSET VENTURE (P Robinson, 4-1); 2, Que Marido (Paul Eddery, 7-1); 3, Tophams Taverns (R P Elliott, 10-1). Also ran: 11-4 fav Mazzi, 7 El Capistrano, 8 Life Guard, Nile Empress (4th), 9 Well Rigged, 12 Chelkov, 16 Strathearn, 20 All Fair. 11 ran. 2½l, nk. B Morgan at Burton-on-Trent. Tote: £7.30, £2.70, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £13.40. CSF: £21.10. Tricast: £133.85. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

2.30 (5f) 1, TOBERMORY BOY (N Carlisle, 14-1); 2, Relatively Sharp (M Fry, 7-1); 3, Manilow (G Dickie, 10-1). Also ran: 2 fav Alva, 5 Sajeda (4th), 6 Bold Bob, 10 Steel Charger, Bri-Eden, 11 Mel's Choice, 16 Prince Reymo, Rambling River, Melthorn. 12 ran. 1½l, ¾l. R Whitaker at Scarcroft at Yorks. Tote: £16.00, £4.40, £2.90, £3.40. DF: £55.60. CSF: £112.40. Tricast: £985.87.

3.0 (1m 2f) 1, BASIL BOY (S Cauthen, 7-2); 2, Lobkowiez (T Ives, 12-1); 3 Video Man (P Robinson 10-1). Also ran: 5-2 fav Teleprompter, 7-2 Big Pal, Grand Unit, 10 Tivian (4th), 25 Johnny Nobody. 8 ran. 1l, 1½l, R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £4.20, £1.40, £3.10, £3.70. DF: £26.00. CSF: £41.10.

3.30 (7f) 1, TAPOUSCHA (N Connorton, 8-1); 2, Rievaulx Raver (W Wharton, 10-1); 3, Laxay (E Hide, 10-1). Also ran: 9-2 fav Country Breeze, 5 Winning Style, 8 Esker House, C A Lightning, 9 Alma Real, 12 Richard's Return, Xerell, Dominion Princess, 14 Claryon, Spice Market, Tartsen, 16 Bolders, Chimera (4th), 20 Frieston Flier, Magic Mushroom, T W S Horses, Big Smile, Dancing Orange. 22 ran. 4l, 3l. W Haigh at Malton. Tote: £17.50; £3.60, £4.00, £5.20. DF: £246.80. CSF: £101.74. Bought in for 2,200 guineas.

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, CAMA'S LAKE (W Carson, 12-1); 2, Borodino (R P Elliott, 9-1); 3, Tamino (Paul Eddery, 2-1 fav). Also ran: 3 Alias, 11-2 San Carlos Bay (4th), 8 Malibu Beach, 10 Jamesmead, 14 Honest Hint, Against the Grain, Caboose, 16 Andrea Dawn, As Sakab, Bluff, 20 Action Time, 33 Bohemond, 50 Aroma, Bradford, Brians Boy, Great Vintage, High Moon, Taras Chariot, Vorrorco, Good Friendship, Ribobelle. 24 ran. NR: Dienaul's Trove. 1½l, 1½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £12.10; £3.70, £2.30, £2.10. DF: £50.50. CSF: £137.28.

4.30 (5f) 1, PECKITTS WELL (W Carson 11.10 fav); 2, Esilam (A Mackay, 5-2); 3, Clotilda (M Beecroft, 12.1). Also ran: 4 High Bidder, 10 London Leader (4th), 12 Mr Panache, 16 Jello, 20 Bed and Breakfast, Cumbrian Road, Imogen, Road Block, 25 Wet Paint, Helens Daring. 13 Ran. 1½l, 4l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £1.30, £3.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £5.97. Tote Double: £42.00. Treble: £166.95. Placepot: £581.80.

Warwick

Going: 1m and under – good Remainder – good to firm

2.0 (5f): 1, Cree Bay (W Hayes, 14-1); 2, Shades of Blue (6-1); 3, Panchetta (11-2). Central Carpets 9-2 fav. ¾l, nk. 15 ran. J Spearing. TOTE: £9.50; £2.60, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £9.40 CSF: £104.63. Tricast £628.14.

2.30 (5f): 1, Steel Cavalier (T Williams, 7-1); 2, Clara Boogie (6-1); 3, Schoon (13-8 fav). 3l, 2½l. (9 ran). Nr: Little Yenoic. Peter Taylor. TOTE: £7.30; £1.60, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £18.10. CSF: £47.99.

3.0 (1m 4f 52yds): 1, Dragon Fire (T Williams, 11-4 fav); 2, Marie Cath (16-1); 3, Madam Flutterbye (4-1). 3l, 1l. 13 ran. M Eckley. TOTE: £3.50; £1.60, £4.90, £1.70. DF: £19.20. CSF: £41.78. Tricast: £159.42.

3.30 (1m) Lady of the Land (R Machado, 20-1); 2, Miss Puddleduck (7-1); 3, Castalita (16-1). One Better (4-1 fav) ½, 11. 23 ran. O Douieb. TOTE: £67.00; £19.90, £1.90, £4.40. DF: £187.40. CSF: £134.87.

4.0 (1m) 1, Tagle (T Quinn, 7-1); 2, Dignified Air (50-1); 3, Son of Raja (20-1); 4, Fast Service (6-1). Aseron (5-2 fav) 11, 3l 16 ran. M Tate. TOTE: £4.80; £1.70, £5.70, £4.80, £1.70. DF: £491.10. CSF: £251.91. Tricast £5926.70.

4.30 (7f) 1, Wind from the West (S Dawson, 15-8 fav); 2, Parvano (8-1); 3, Brockton (12-1); 4, Kittaley (8-1). 3l, 4l, 1hd 17 ran nr. Doctor's Orders N. Vigors. TOTE: £2.50; £1.00, £1.90, £1.60, £3.40 DF: £6.80. CSF: £14.83. Tricast: £108.84. Stewards enquiry result remained unaltered.

5.0 (5f) 1, Stabble (I Johnson 12-1); 2, Imperial Time (2-1); 3, Hilmay (33-1). Dimante Blanche (11-8 fav) 1½, 4l. 11 ran. nr. Ma Mignl. Tote: £18.70; £4.30, £1.00, £7.70. DF: £51.10. CSF: £37.00. Placepot: £30.75.

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Peter Scudamore: ended losing run on Bajan Sunshine

National Hunt results

Fontwell Park

2.0 1, The Vinegar Man (9-2); 2, Pepperwood (20-1); 3, Royal Rex (12-1). Rockfield Boy 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Red Ambion, Ribu Dancer.
2.30 1, Mr Oryx (4-1 jt fav); 2, Just a Ghost (13-2); 3, Cobblers Castle (5-1). 10 ran.
3.0 1, Master Pitt (13-2); 2, Another Deed (6-1); 3, Flash Fred (7-1). Sweet Solicitor 7-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Saint Oswald.
3.30: 1, Bayham Sir Vardon (14-1); 2, Socks (25-1); Cnoc Na Cuille 4-5 fav. 6 ran, 2 finished.
4.0: 1, With A Little Bit (4-6 fav); 2, Italian Sunrise (9-4); 3, Friendly Anax (11-2). 3 ran.
4.30: 1, Takeadance (11-4 jt fav); 2, Dickensian (4-1); 3, Morocco Bound (11-4 jt fav). John Brush 11-4 jt fav. 8 ran.

Southwell

2.30 1, Tar Knight (8-13 fav); 2, Rostulle (5-1). 5 ran.
3.0 1, Herd Kingdom (7-4 fav); 2, Miss Data (14-1); 3, Stevies Queen (8-1). 11 ran. 3.30 1, Querrin (11-10 fav); 2, Bowshot (9-2); 3, Charley Fisher (7-4). 4 ran.
4.00 1, Lenton Palace (5-1); 2, Flaxen Tina (9-1); 3, Mesa Kid (10-1). Regency Tam (7-2 fav) 11 ran. NR: Beaucoup d'Argent, Incandesca.
4.30 1, Fair Babu (4-1); 2, Ulensach Hill (10-1); 3, Artic Fox (16-1). Greenhill Hall (2-1 fav). 8 ran.
5.00 1, Mountaineer (6-1); 2, Morvern (4-1 jt fav); 3, Ascenmoor (6-1). Appiante (4-1 jt fav) 9 ran. NR: Celtic Well.

Towcester

2.0 1, Satin Grange (7-4 fav); 2, Bottisham (11-4); Looking For Gold (2-1). 7 ran.
2.30 1, Marlowe Log (4-5 fav); 2, Raise The Offer (2-1); 3, Hanover Prince (5-1). 5 ran. Nr. Another Nitty.
3.0 1, Full Of Love (33-1); 2, Kenngger (11-8 fav). 3, American Girl (9-4). 6 ran.
3.30 1, No Retreat (5-2); 2, Old Castle Line (6-1); 3, Leading Artist (4-9 fav) 3 ran. Nr Cadbury's Kit.
4.0 1, Star Whistler (4-6 fav); 2, Princess May (2-1); 3, Wicker Basket (14-1) 5 ran. Nr Armalarky.
4.30 1, Larry Mac (4-1), 2, Flamenco Dancer (5-2). 3, Talbot Lad (11-1) Sub Rosa (6-5 fav). 6 ran.
5.0 1, Bootleggers Moll (6-4); 2, Little Anthem (4-9 fav) 2 ran. Nr Castlore Lad.

Devon and Exeter

2.15: 1, Flonnadoir (4-5 fav); 2, Princess Isla (14-1); 3, King Burg (9-4). 8 ran.
2.45: 1, Lord Chanticleer (4-6fav); 2, Middleton Sue (3-1); 3, Irish Williams (4-1). 4 ran.
3.15: 1, Lollipopman (5-1); 2, Button Boy (4-1); 3, The Floorlayer (evens fav). 4 ran.
3.45: 1, Leodegrance (4-6 fav); 2, Maurice's Tip (5-1); 3, Testing Times (25-1). 8 ran.
4.15: 1, Culm Port (2-1 fav); 2, Sabl (4-1); 3, Ballycarn (5-2). 7 ran.
4.45: 1, Misty Fenton (4-1); 2, Culme Valley (9-4); 3, Crumbs (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Hans Bako.

Newcastle

2.15: 1, Amanties (5-2 fav); 2, Dawn Diver (7-2); 3, Unguarded (7-1). 15 ran. NR: Must Fly.
2.45: 1, Sweet Diana (7-2); 2, Gunsmith (11-8 fav); 3, Roman Display (12-1). 10 ran.
3.15 1, Artisanval (6-1); 2, Father Delaney (7-1); 3, Caherty (20-1). Red Claric 7-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Jetharts Here.
3.45: 1, Bobby Brown (11-4); 2, Obelsoc (20-1); 3, Green Menalek (11-2). Louviers (2-1 fav). 7 ran.
4.15: 1, Primrose Wood (11-10 fav); 2, Cranbourne Tower (12-1); 3, Feu Rouge (7-4). 5 ran.
4.45: 1, Snow Blessed (5-1); 2, Direst Line (5-6 fav); 3, Jimmy Chips (10-1). 5 ran.
5.15: 1, Keecast (7-1); 2, Green Gorse (3-1); 3, Even Deeper (10-11 fav). 10 ran. NR: Irish Splendor.

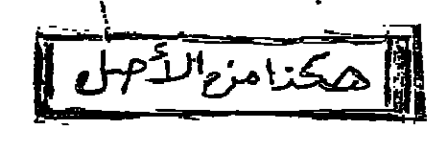
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2.15 1, Queensway Boy (7-4 fav). 2, No Fluke (6-1); 3, Tucor Squire (20-1) 12 ran
2.50 1, Grey Dolphin (3-1). 2, Anramsky (5-1); 3 Hadajar (5-2 jt fav) Kerry Jack (5-2 jt fav). 5 ran NR: San Malo
3.25 1, Royal Manx (8-15 fav), 2, Chocolate Imp (7-1); 3, Fountain Valley (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Eric's Wish
4.0 1, The Surveyor (2-1); 2, The Guinea Man (7-2). 3 Prince Candy (20-1). Casal Royale 11-10 fav. 5 ran. NR: Take Flight, Teapot Hall.
4.35 1 Hatton Lad (2-1); 2, Gold Chief (9-2); 3, Citadel Roc (8-11 fav) 3 ran. NR: Flash Harry.
5.10 1, The Thunderer (6-4 fav); 2, Magic Mink (2-1); 3 Princely Lad (4-1). 5 ran. NR. Dobsons Choice

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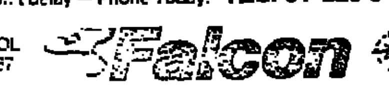
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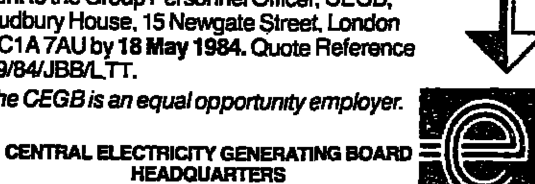
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6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time: Frank Bough and Selina Scott early to rise for news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30; regional news 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15; sport 6.40, 7.40; morning papers at 7.18, 8.18; Food and Cooking from 8.30.
9.00 Boswall's Wildlife Safari to Mexico: The Sea of Cortez and its photogenic ecology (r).
9.25 Praise Be! With Thora Hird (r). 10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School with Johnny Ball (r). 10.55 Gardeners' World. Joyce Johnson's mini Eden in Cheltenham is ablaze with bonsai and alpines (r). 11.20 Ceefax.
12.30 News, weather, 12.57 Financial Report and news headlines (*London only. Elsewhere: Regional news*).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Saxophonist John Harle, who plays classical music with the London Sinfonietta, and soap opera with the session orchestra used for *Dallas*. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men: Naughty and Forgetful (r).
2.00 Racing from Chester covers the 2.15, 2.45, 3.15 races. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 The Hunter. 4.25 Professor Popper's Problems. They are occasioned by a couple of crooks in this episode. Charlie Drake is the Prof. 4.40 Cheggers Plays Pop. Team games with music guests from Modern Romance.
5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Think Again. About cutting, with Johnny Ball (r).
5.40 Sixty Minutes: News, weather, regional magazines at 5.55, *closing headlines at 6.38.*
6.40 You Can't See the Wood... David Bellamy explains how trees have evolved a highly efficient system of conductive tissue to ensure they make the most of available water.
7.05 Blankety Blank. Selected repeat of Terry Wogan tease involves Kenny Everett, Windsor Davies, Sandra Dickinson, Beryl Reid, Larry Grayson (r).
7.40 A Question of Sport. For soccer stars Gary Bailey and David O'Leary, speedway's Bobby Schwartz, cricketer Richard Hadlee, and resident players Bill Beaumont and Emlyn Hughes.
8.10 Dallas. Peter's arrest interferes with J.R's equilibrium for a millisecond, and Mark makes a grim discovery.
9.00 News, weather.
9.25 The Golden Land. Whether the sobering experience of working as a Nationwide reporter in Northern Ireland was a contributory factor to his growing a long beard, putting on a Chassidic frock coat and taking orthodox Judiasm to the lapsed Jews of New York, Daniel Brock's mother thinks that it's not much of a job for a good Jewish boy. Al Goldstein, the "Jewish atheist" pornography purveyor and editor of Screw, believes that "Jewish man is chained and manacled by the Jewish mother". *Between the two,* Desmond Wilcox finds a patch of common ground in this middle part of his trilogy on American Jews, which ends rather wincingly in the ritual circumcision of an eight-day-*old baby. One almost* expected director David Green to add the customary film-maker's call of "Cut and wrap".
10.15 Come Dancing. Wales v the North East in the returned *ballroom competition.* Broadway dancer Vicki Regan and Peter Maxwell provide a tribute to Hollywood.
11.00 Night Music. By New Zealand singer Tina Cross. Her guest, John Miles (r).
11.45 News headlines, weather.
11.50 Closedown.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: Nick Owen and Anne Diamond present news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00; sport at 6.35, 7.33; *Alarm Call at 6.45, 8.45;* pop at 7.52; Video Report by Gyles Brandreth at 8.33; Rustie Lee the cook at 9.05 Today's guest is Suzanne Danielle at 7.40.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames News Headlines.
9.30 For Schools: Arithmetic with puppets. 9.45 Adverbs. 10.04 A spring day on the farm. 10.23 Religious education. 10.43 The Russian Revolution in *November 1920.* 11.08 Ways with words. 1.25 Stop, Look, Listen. At the train station. 11.38 The French Programme.
12.00 Orm and Cheep. Puppets. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The *Sullivans.*
1.00 News, weather.
1.20 Thames News.
1.30 A Plus looks into school-age heroin abuse.
2.00 Take the High Road.
2.30 Safe From the Sea. The formal opening of the Thames Barrier by the Queen and Prince Philip. Having made their way down river to Woolwich by the Royal Nore, the royal couple will press the button that should raise the *barrier's huge defenses* against the incoming tide. London's new wonder accounts for eight years' labour and £520 million.
4.30 Tweety Pie.
4.45 CBTV.
5.15 Emmerdale Farm. Mrs Bates demands a police inquiry into her dog's death.
5.45 News.
6.00 Thames News. Includes highlights of the Thames Barrier opening.
6.20 Help! A Festival for Volunteers in Hemel Hempstead.
6.30 Crossroads. Sid can't make-out Mavis.
6.55 Safe From the Sea. Recaps London's big day.
7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades involve Honor Blackman, Lorraine Chase, Angela Douglas, against Danny La Rue, George Sewell, Michael Barrymore(r)
8.00 Hollywood or Bust. Would-be Clark Gables, Joan Crawfords, Robert Redfords etc from the audience are put in their place by Bruce Forsyth in this acting challenge.
9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Naval Treaty. Arthur Conan Doyle's analytical hero (played in this expensively cloaked series by J eremy Brett) looks into the disappearance of a document detailing a top-secret pact between the government and *Italy. It had been in the care of* the Foreign Minister's nephew, a young diplomat, now in disgrace. David Gwillim plays. him. Alison Silbeck is his anxious fiancée and Gareth Thomas her brother. David *Burke completes the pack, as* the circumspect Dr Watson.
10.00 News at Ten. followed by Thames News Headlines.
10.30 The British Desk. Disturbing dossier of dirty tricks perpetrated, by their own *admission, by South African* intelligence agents in the UK. *(see choice)*
11.30 Casablanca. The new belly dancer at the Blue Parrot asks Rick to cash gold ingots and he is accused of consorting *with the Free French.* David Soul plays the role immortalised by Humphrey Bogart, and apparently originally intended for Ronald Reagan.
12.15 Night Thoughts by deaconess *Helen Starns, followed by* Closedown.


Ade Edmondson: The Young Ones (BBC 2, 9.00pm)

● It's not so much the sound of whistles but trumpets being blown that you might discern behind THE BRITISH DESK (ITV, 10.30pm), a disturbing dossier on South African intelligence operations in the UK in recent years. And the Joshua of the piece is undoubtedly Eschel Rhoodie, the former Information Secretary in the South African government, who supplies the details with the self-satisfaction of a bad job well done. Apart from one sensational disclosure – that two British MPs were paid by South Africa for spying on anti-apartheid campaigners – there is little that hasn't already been published in this exhaustive exposé by Nicholas Claxton for Central TV. With a £60m budget, Cabinet-approved, he claims, Mr Rhoodie and the acrid, acronymous Bureau of State Security bought a substantial interest in the UPITN international

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TV news agency, planned to buy the Guardian and the Observer and perpetrated a series of bombings and burglaries on anti-apartheid offices in London. *And the* programme was run from the South African embassy in Trafalgar Square. The recent Libyan People's Bureau affair reminds us not to be so surprised. What is most disturbing is that, like Nelson atop his column, our authorities seem to have *turned a blind eye to it all.*

● The Norman Conquest was a Good Thing, according to Messrs Sellar and Yeatman, and the evidence ranged for us in TIMEWATCH: The Conquest and the Conqueror (BBC2, 8.00pm) very largely agrees. Between fascinating *filmed inserts,* persuasive John Tusa and assembled academics set about restoring the image of William the Conqueror (who believed he had an ancestral right to the English throne) and smudging that of poor Harold (who seems to have inveigled the crown while Edward the Confessor was on his deathbed) *and his Anglo-Saxons. "They had long hair and dressed rather oddly",* explains Professor Jim Holt, who also comes up with a splendid solution to one of the mysteries of the Norman Conquest, the perpetuation of English as our language: This, it seems, was *thanks to the influence of English* nannies in charge of the invaders' children.

● The other most memorable date in English history is probably 1666, and The Great Fire of London is evoked in HISTORY REFLECTED (Radio 4, 7.50pm) by a collection of poetry and prose compiled by John Carroll.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Cubism. 6.30 *Michelangelo:* The Last Judgement. 6.55 Genetic Expression. 7.20 Science Summer School. 7.45 Physics. 8.10 Closedown.
9.09 Daytime on Two: Town and Country Italy. 9.24 Ceefax. 9.48 Maths at Work. 10.10 Sex education for juniors. 10.35 Cleveland in decline. 11.00 Trees. 11.17 Computer Club. 11.40 Mindstretching problems. 11.48 Conversational German. 12.03 Ceefax. 2.00 You and Me. 2.15 *British Social History.* 2.35 Ceefax.
5.10 The Black English Case. The way they speak can hold back black pupils in American schools.
5.35 News summary, weather.
5.40 Speak Out. Should micros be for men only? Youngsters discuss why girls don't seem to be showing much interest in the computer craze.
6.10 Paddles Up. Women-only heat in the canoeing competition (r).
6.40 Tucker's Luck. Will it hold out for his important interview in this last episode?
7.05 The Smiths. Whistle Test concert by the currently successful rock band.
7.30 *The Lost River of Gaping Gill.* Intrepid cameraman Sid Perou's potholing film followed a search for a waterway under the Yorkshire Dales (r).
8.00 Timewatch: The Conquest and the Conqueror. 1066 and *all that (see Choice).*
9.00 The Young Ones. And a great rejoicing should there be throughout the land, as the gloriously anarchic manage-a-quatre returns. Ade Edmondson, Christopher Ryan, *Nigel Planer and co-writer* Rik Mayall impersonate the vile Vyvyan, super-cool Mike, lentil-head Neil and bug-eyed Rik, while Griff Rhys Jones and Mel Smith are their first visitors.
9.35 One Man and His Dog. From yon bonnie bonnie banks, another season of the home international sheepdog trials. To begin, three Scotsmen put their dogs through their paces above Loch Lomond.
10.20 Private Lives. The upmarket chat show returns with hostess Maria Aitken, whose idea it was, feeding her guests – no less than Princess Michael of Kent and Sir Stephen Spender – with prearranged cues (most memorable journey/meal/music) to elicit an anecdotal response. The result is a cosy, civilised tete-à-tete with little sense of danger or surprise.
11.00 Newsnight.
11.45 Foxwatch. Nocturnal tabs on a foxes' earth in Bristol, filmed by infra-red cameras in 1979 (r).
12.05 Open University: Calculus. 12.30 Word processors.
1.00 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

4.45 Countdown. Word game.
5.15 Kill or Cure?:Compensation–a Penny for Your Pains concludes Joan Shenton's repeated series of medical examinations on a frustrated note, with the difficulties patients face if they seek recompense for prescribed drugs that do them bodily harm. The problem is that plaintiffs must prove negligence by the drug company or the doctor, a near-impossible task in practice (r).
6.00 Old Country. Out-of-town reflections from West Countryman Jack Hargreaves.
6.30 Whose Town Is It Anyway?: Power-to-the-people series worries about the future of local government and looks to Sheffield City Council, to typify a radical return to grass roots decision-making. Recent policies have tried to help local industry, provide locally-based social services and set up centres for the unemployed.
7.00 *Channel 4 News.*
7.50 Comment is courtesy of Norman Strauss, a former policy advisor to Mrs Thatcher.
8.00 Brookside. Career girl Heather experiences awkward *moments in her new job,* in this episode by Susan Pleat, whose alma mater was *Coronation Street*
8.30 4 What It's Worth. The doughty consumer weekly answers an appeal from a *band of followers in Wales* who have a tricky housing problem. John Stoneborough continues to pursue "the king of the cowboy builders".
9.00 Film: Invasion of Privacy (1983) Careful adaptation (by Elaine Mueller) of Joan Taylor's novel, Asking For It. The film, directed by Mel Damski, though a female director might have brought added conviction, deals with the way that society still tends *to view victims of rape with* suspicion. Thus, when an attractive divorcee from the big city determines to bring her attacker to trial, her own morality is closely scrutinised by a xenophobic island *community. Valerie Harper,* better known as TV's Rhoda, plays her powerfully, with support from Cliff De Young (local police chief), Carol Kane and Richard Masur (sympathetic neighbours). Jerry Orbach (ex-husband) and Tammy Grimes.
10.50 Black on Black. With Eartha Kitt and Sade, plus reports on how health cuts could affect black nurses and a new play about Mary Secole, the *Jamaican nurse who tended* the wounded in Crimea.
11.40 Ian Breakwell's Continuous Diary. Childhood souvenirs.
11.55 Closedown.

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Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 *Farming Week from Scotland.* 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45* Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.0, 8.0 Today's News. 7.20* Your Letters. 7.25*, 8.25* Sport. 7.45* Thought for the Day.
8.43 The Hooligan Nights by Clarence *Rook (second of two parts).*
8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.50 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411.
10.00 News; Enterprise.
10.30 Morning Story: "Watching Mrs Gordon" by Ronald Frame.
10.45 Daily Service (*).
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: "A Moth in the Closet" by Jeremy Kingston.
11.33 Wildlife. Listeners' questions.
12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Brain of Britain 1984 (*) A Nationwide general knowledge quiz 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forcast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour.
3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre (*) "River Sunday" by Gill Linscott.
4.00 News; What She Needs is a Wife. Jocelyn Ryder-Smith looks at how women cope with a career and a family.
4.40 Story Time: "Time After Time" by Molly Keane (9).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Stilgoe's Around (*) with Richard Stilgoe at Guy's Hospital with Emma Thompson and the Cambridge Buskers for sound tests.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 *The Luxury of Decent* Compromises (*) Three programmes on literary life in Hungary. (2) The Life.
7.50 History Reflected. (s) A series of poetry and prose evoking famous people and famous events. (2) The Great Fire of London.
8.00 Medicine Now. A report on the health of medical care.
8.30 Spring Over Europe. Michael *Jordan follows the northward migration of birds and insects* – "May Blobs and Buterflies."
9.00 In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped.
9.30 A Sideways Look At . . . by Anthony Smith.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10.15 A book at Bedtime: "Against the Stream" by James Hanley (2).
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Close; Shipping Forecast. England:VHF above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 The Song Tree 11. 11.00 Time and Tune, 11.20 Time to Move, 11.40 Listen and Read, 11.55-12.00 Reading Music. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 History: Not So Long Ago, 2.20 Maths – With a Story! 2.40-3.00 Pictures in your *Mind (stories). 5.50-5.55 PM* continued. 11.00 Study on 4: Groundswell. 11.30-12.00 Open University: 11.30 Open Forum: Students' Magazine. 11.50 Music Interlude. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: 12.30 Information Programme. 12.50 Biology: Field Studies.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Handel's flat Concerto, Vaghan Williams's Tallis Fantasia, Britten's Gloriana Dances, Arnold's Tam O'Shanter Shanter.†8.00 News.
8.05 Concert part two. Salieri's Sinfonia Veneziana, Mozart's Piano Conceto No 8, Salieri's La follia di Spagna.†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Smetana. Shakespearian March, Wallenstein's Camp, Bettina's Polka, Haakom Jarl.†
10.00 *Shostakovich and Kodaly.* Shostakovich's Festival Overture and symph No 1, Kodaly's Marosszek Dances.†
10.55 BBC Singrs: Works by Haydn, Brahms and Britten (Five Flower Songs) (r).†
11.20 Fairfield String Quartet. Mozart's K 465, Shostakovich's No 8, *Puccini's I cristantemi.*
12.15 Midday Concert: BBC Concert Orch play Rossini's La Centerentola Overture, Mozart's Serenata Notturna, Hummel's E maj trumpet concerto.†1.00 News.
1.05 Concert; part two; Symphonic Poems b6 Saint-Seans (Omphale) *and Dvorak (Golden Spinning* Wheel).†
1.40 Guitar Encores. Leo Witosynskiy plays works by Giuliani, Uhl and Rodrigo. (r).†
2.15 Beethoven, Schubert, Lachner and Reger. Beethoven's Bagatelles Op 119; Schubert's Introduction in F, Italian Style Overture, Notturno in E flat; Lachner's Nonet in F; Reger's Beethoven Vars.†
4.00 John Bingham (piano). BBC Concert Hall live broadcast of works by Snhumann and Debussy (Preludes).†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for pleasure. Introduced by Natalie Wheen.†
6.30 The Troubadour Tradition. *Sephardic Songs from the* Balkans, Tetouan and Smyrna. Esther Lamandier.
7.10 Inkerman Street Massage Parlour. Story by Derek Nicholls.
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra. Mahler's Lieder eines fahrenden *Gesellen (Anna Murray, Mezzo-sop),* Brahm's Symph No 4.
8.50 Camerararities. Last inseries, read by Michael Hordern.
9.00 Three Spires Festival 1982. Geoffrey Burgon's Requiem. Bournemouth Sinfonietta.
9.55 WRCB. Arecording of Mozart's G min piano quartet, Poulenc's trio for oboe, *bassoon and piano,* Schoenberg's Suite Op 29.
11.15 News. Until 11,18.
VHF ONLY – Open University: 11.20-11.40pm An Enlightened Historian.

Radio 2

4.00am Bill Rennells. (†) 5.30 Ray Moore. (†) 7.30 Terry Wogan. (†) incl 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Russell Harty. (†) 12.00pm Steve Jones. (†) incl 1.05; 2.02 Sport. 3.30 Music All The Way. (†) incl *3.45 Racing from Chester: Chester* Vase. 4.02 Sport. 4.05 David Hamilton. (†) incl. 5.05; 6.02 Sport. 6.05 John Dunn. (†) incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 The Million Dollar Musicals. (†) The third of a 13 part series about the popular movie musicals of the last 25 years. 3: Pal Joey and The Sound of *Music. 9.00 Night Owls. (†) with* Dave Gelly. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Hubert Gregg says I Call It Style. Eleventh of 12 programmes on special people in entertainment, 11: Carroll Gibbons. 11.00 B. A. Robertson presents Round Midnight, (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove. (†) presents Nightride. 3.00 Big Band Special. (†) with the *BBC Big Band. 3.30 String Sound.* (†) with Jean Challis.

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel. (†) VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am with Radio 2. 10.00pm with Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 with Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Divers For the World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Iberia, Iberia. 7.45 London Royal. 8.00 World News. 8.09 *Reflections.* 8.15 Such Sweet Harmony. 8.30 Somerset Maugham Stories. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sing A Song of London. 10.00 Discovery. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from London. 11.25 Scotland this Week. 11.30 Sports International. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Women of Mystery. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 London Royal. 1.45 A Jolly Good Show. 2.30 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Sing A Song of London. 8.45 Women of Mystery. 9.15 Letter from London. 9.25 Book Choice. 9.30 These Musical Islands. 10.00 *World News.* 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Music For A While. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 A Jolly Good Show. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Report on Religion. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The World of Singing. 2.30 Middlemarch. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

All times in GMT


Valerie Harper and Tammy Grimes (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

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BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 10.25-11.15 Echo Pops: Tchaikovsky, played at St David's Hall, Cardiff. 11.15-12.00 Come Dancing. 12.00 midnight News of Wales headlines, close. Scotland: 10.55-11.00am Gioma Gochd. 11.10-11.20 Transmitters closedown. 12-00-12.30pm The Beechgrove Garden. 12.55-1.00 Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.00-11.35 I Believe, You Believe. 11.35-11.50 The Brandenburg Concertos. 11.50 Scottish News summary, weather and Close. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00pm Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 11.45 News Headlines, *Northern Ireland News headlines,* weather and Close. England: 5.55pm (Part of Sixty Minutes). Region News Magazines. 11.50 Close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Cymru A'r Môr. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Y Ganrif *Hon. 2.55 Interval. 3.05 Enterprise* Special. 4.00 Anything We Can Do. 4.25 Countdown. 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.05 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Chopper Squad. 6.30 Sêr 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Awyr Iach. 8.00 Gale from the Met. 8.50 Dadeni Castell Dinefwr. 9.00 Gŵyl Ffilmiau Celtaidd 1984. 10.00 Ear Say. 10.55 Eleventh Hour. 12.50am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00-7-30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.45am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Just Our Luck. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.00 Calendar. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7-30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Mysteries of *Edgar Wallace.* 12.40 Closedown.*

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's Life. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40 Consumer Check. 7.00-7.30 In Loving Memory. 11.30 Magnum. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Silver Spoons. 11.30 Lou Grant. 12.30am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Hill Street Blues. 12.30am Have a Heart, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Name That Tune. 11.30 Protectors. 12.00 Living and Growing. 12.30am Prayer for Life, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's Life. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Once Upon A Time. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Vintage Quiz. 7.00-7.30 In Loving Memory. 11.30 Magnum. 12.25am (Closedown).

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Great Fights of the Seventies. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

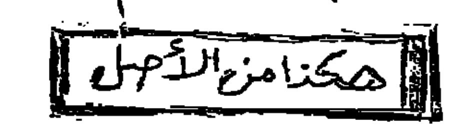
SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20 News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters. 5.10 Job Spot. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 What's Your Problem. 7.00-7.30 Sounds Gaelic. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Trapper John. 12.35am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm Gardening *Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30* Miracles Take Longer. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Shelley. 12.00 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Three Little Words. *5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes.* 6.00 Coast To Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Devlin Connection. 12.30am Company Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 Harvest Jazz. 12.00 News, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 11.30 All Kinds of Country. 12.00 News, Closedown.



$250m for Agent Orange victims

New York (Reuter) – Seven US chemical companies tentatively agreed yesterday to set up a $250m (£160m) trust fund to settle claims by thousands of Vietnam veterans citing physical damage from exposure to the chemical Agent Orange, a defence lawyer said.

The out-of-court agreement was reached hours before jury selection was to begin in a handful of cases representing more than an estimated 50,000 claims filed by veterans from the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

The agreement, considered the largest legal settlement in American history, was reached at 3am local time with lawyers for seven manufacturers of the substance, which was used to destroy cover and crops in Indo-China, the lawyer, Mr Steve Schlagel, said.

A New Jersey spokesman for victims of Agent Orange said the settlement was inadequate and threatened to sue the defence lawyers for "selling out dying men".

Mr Schlagel said an international trust fund would be set up for American, Australian and New Zealander veterans of the war and their families affected by cancer and other diseases or who bore children with birth defects.

"The great thing about the agreement is that the veterans of the war itself are going to have actual input into the operation of the fund."

The companies are Dow Chemical, Monsanto, Diamond Shamrock, T. H. Agricultural and Nutrition, Thompson Chemical, Hercules and Uniroyal.

Mr Schlagel said the settlement covered not only those already ill or dead, but veterans' children born in the future with birht defects and veterans yet to manifest symptoms of Agent Orange exposure.

Judge Jack Weinstein had taken the unusual course of allowing the defence to choose nine of their most convincing cases from among the veterans and their defective children. He also criticized a legal principle, which has survived Supreme Court tests, that soldiers are barred from suing the military for service-related injuries.

He ordered the Government to remain in the case as a third-party defendant, meaning it might have to share in paying injury claims.

Nursery chief presides over his last blooms



A sad sight: Mr Thomas Rochford taking a look at the African violets he can no longer afford to grow (Photograph: John Voos).

Rochford dynasty comes to an end

By David Cross

The decision by one of Britain's largest growers of potted plants to close its 25 acres of glasshouses in Hertfordshire's Lea Valley this autumn has sent shivers down the spines of other horticulturalists.

Mr Thomas Rochford, managing director of Thomas Rochford and Sons, of Broxbourne, whose great-great-great grandfather began growing pineapples under glass as a tropical novelty for discriminating Victorian palates in the 1870s has just announced that his potted plant operation will be phased out by next winter to cut increasing energy costs.

The closure will enable the company to develop other more profitable parts of the business, such as the production of outdoor shrubs, as well as garden centres and a landscaping venture, he said.

Mr Rochford's father, Thomas, now in his late seventies, went into the houseplant business in a big way after the Second World War when production had been given over to vegetables as part of the "Dig for Victory" campaign.

But even before then the company had earned an international reputation as a purveyor of exotic tropical plants.

Before the First World War, a member of the Rochford dynasty is reputed to have stripped much of Ecuador of its orchids, and a consignment of palms on its way to a firm in Philadelphia sank with the Titanic in 1912.

"Tom's weeds" was the disparaging title given to the Rochford venture by *The Tatler* in the early days after the war when potted plants began appearing in sitting-rooms all over Britain.

However, for the next 30 years or so the market boomed, and Rochford, with an annual production of between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 plants at its peak, was ideally placed to take advantage of this growth. By last year it shared about 10 per cent of the total market.

In the last three years or so, however, the number of potted plants sold has continued to rise steadily, profit margins have fallen so low that many growers are barely making a profit.

Rochford and Sons, whose houseplants business accounts for roughly three-quarters of the group's £4.7m annual turnover, has accumulated a loss of more than £1m since 1981.

Its three subsidiaries, on the other hand, made a combined profit of £140,000 in the last year to February.

One of the greatest problems for Rochford and other potted plant growers has been the stagnation in wholesale prices.

In December 1979 the wholesale price of a home-grown African violet was 42½p. At the end of last month that price was only slightly higher at 44p. It sells in the shops at between 75p and 95p.

British growers blame a combination of factors for the levelling-out of prices. They include increased competition from Continental producers, principally the Dutch, as well as negotiated deals at rock-bottom prices by multiple stores, such as Marks and Spencer and Tesco, which tend to set the level for other retail outlets.

Imports of indoor plants from The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark totalled £8.6m in 1974, rose then to £32.5m in 1981 and £58.3m last year.

One important reason why they have flooded into Britain is a general depression in the West German market, which used to be Holland's largest outlet for potted plants.

WINDOW-SILL ECONOMICS

HOW THE PRICE (WHOLESALE) OF HOUSEPLANTS HAS REMAINED STATIC Typical African Violet in 9cm pot

1979 42.5p · 1980 42p · 1981 36p · 1982 43.2p · 1983 43.3p · 1984 44.2p

BREAKDOWN OF HOUSEPLANT COSTS

75-95p

35% ENERGY Heating, lighting -usually oil

MARKETING 15% Plastic sleeve, label, packaging, transport

MATERIAL Compost, stock 10%

30% LABOUR Potting up, spacing out, preparing for market, labelling

PROFIT 3%

OVERHEADS 7% Glasshouse depreciation, maintenance, water, pesticides, fertilisers

Stagnant plant prices that have hit Rochfords

Letter from Baghdad

Big Brother put in the shade

At first you wouldn't know there's a war on. No black-out, no sirens, never an aircraft in the sky except for a very occasional helicopter. Streets thronged with people, many of them young men of military age. A city full of spanking new buildings, many of them on a monumental scale, and many more in process of construction.

On many of the building sites, however, there is no visible activity going on. Expenditure cuts have frozen them half built; and many of the young men turn out to be Egyptians, of whom there are said to be a million in Baghdad, with another half million scattered around the country.

Two of the most monumental buildings are actually war memorials, and the official visitor is taken on an obligatory tour of them on his first day. One is the tomb of the unknown soldier. It covers about an acre and is shaped like some science fiction jellyfish with an open lid, clearly intended to recall the top of a tank. The slope of the jellyfish is an enormous ramp which you walk up to reach the central shrine under the open lid. From there you go down a staircase to a hall containing innumerable photographs of President Saddam Husain pinning medals on the orphaned children of heroes killed in the war with Iran.

To the left of the shrine a thick metal flag-pole, with a heavily stylized solid flag lying in folds around its base, looks uncomfortably like an incinerator.

The other monument, more successful to my philistine eye, is the Martyrs' Memorial. (In Islamic culture, anyone killed fighting on the right side in a war is automatically a martyr.) It consists of two great pointed turquoise domes, 150 feet high, flat-faced and facing each other, not flush but overlapping, and perhaps 20 yards apart. In front of one is a fountain, apparently symbolizing birth, and in front of the other another stylized flag straining upwards and symbolizing the soul's departure on its journey to Heaven. The effect is of an onion sliced in half – but it is more impressive than that makes it sound.

Again you go downstairs and find yourself in a sumptuous institute, with library and lecture theatre, devoted entirely to documentation of the war, known officially as "Saddam's Qadisiya" to associate it with the great Arab victory over Persia in 637 AD. Again, an exhibition of colour photographs, almost all of them featuring the great man.

But you do not need to go underground to find him. He is everywhere, staring out from every shop window, dominating every street corner and square. Big Brother could not compete for sheer omnipresence. What saves him is the enormous variety of his costumes and poses. Almost every shop seems to have its own version, which makes his popularity seem a little more spontaneous and genuine than it would if he were an unchanging image. The personality cult is a deliberate and defiant response to Khomeini's attempt to dictate President Saddam's overthrow – and not necessarily an unpopular one. It's a fair bet that President Saddam himself is more popular than the austere, ruthless Baath Party that keeps him in power.

Kissing babies or at the wheel of a scout car, in suit and tie, full-dress uniform, battle fatigues with beret and dark glasses or Arab head-dress, he is nearly always smiling. In spite of the blood, sweat and tears which for the moment are all he can offer his countrymen, he maintains on almost all public occasions an infectious *bonhomie*.

Neatly pressed fatigues, with pistol on the hip, are the working costume of the President and his immediate entourage. So dressed, Mr Tariq Aziz, the Foreign Minister, comes with us – us being a group of pundits attending a symposium on the Gulf, several of us famous Egyptian figures from Nasser's time – to watch a lavish "fashion display" based on the different civilizations that have inhabited Iraq since the days of the Sumerians. No austerity there, it seems.

One or two bold spirits make a point of staying away, feeling such frivolity is inappropriate when men are dying at the front. I find the whole thing just a touch reminiscent of some of the late Shah's extravaganzas recalling Iran's imperial past. But one should banish that unworthy, Khomeini-like thought. Does he think that, because he is virtuous, Iraq will give up cakes and ale?

Edward Mortimer

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens the Thames Barrier, 2.40.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, visits the College and accepts the Honorary Fellowship of the College, 10.30.

Princess Anne attends the Weston Community Health Council's Aids to living exhibition for the Handicapped and Elderly at the Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, 2.20; and later, as Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, attends an Exhibition of St John History at the Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, 4.

Princess Alexandra visits Dorset to inaugurate the Weymouth and Portland Main Drainage and Marine Treatment Scheme of the Wessex Water Authority; and later visits Lyme Regis, Dorset, to mark the 700th Anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to the town.

New exhibitions

An exhibition of paintings and lithographs by John Bellany, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11-5, Sun 2-5, (until June 6).

Batik East to West: Scottish Craft Centre, 140 Canongate, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun, (until May 26).

Contemporary Women Artists: Scottish Gallery, 94 George St, **Edinburgh**: Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Sat 9 to 1, closed Sun, (until May 30).

Julia Margaret Cameron: National Museum of Photography Film and Television; Prince's View, **Bradford**: Tues to Sat 12 to 8, Sun 2.30 to 6, Mon closed, (until June 10).

Exhibitions in progress

Vanishing Trial Arts of Central Asia, Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Rd, **Middlesborough**: Tues to Sat 12 to 7, closed Sun and Mon (until May 12).

Picasso Prints: Dudhope Arts Centre, St Mary Place, **Dundee**: Mon to Thurs 9 to 9, Fri 9 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 12, closed Sun (until May 19).

Music

Organ recital by Simon Lindley, **Leeds** Parish Church, 7.30.

Piano recital by Sophia Unsworth, 7.30; Organ recital by Ronald Frost, 12.45 both at St Ann's Church, **Manchester**.

Voice and Violin by Felix Kok, Ann Steel, Mary King, Donald Hunt, North Worcestershire College, Southwide Hall, **Bromsgrove**, 7.45.

Recital by Krzysztof Smietana and Barry Douglas, Turner Sims Concert Hall, **Southampton** University, 8.

Talks

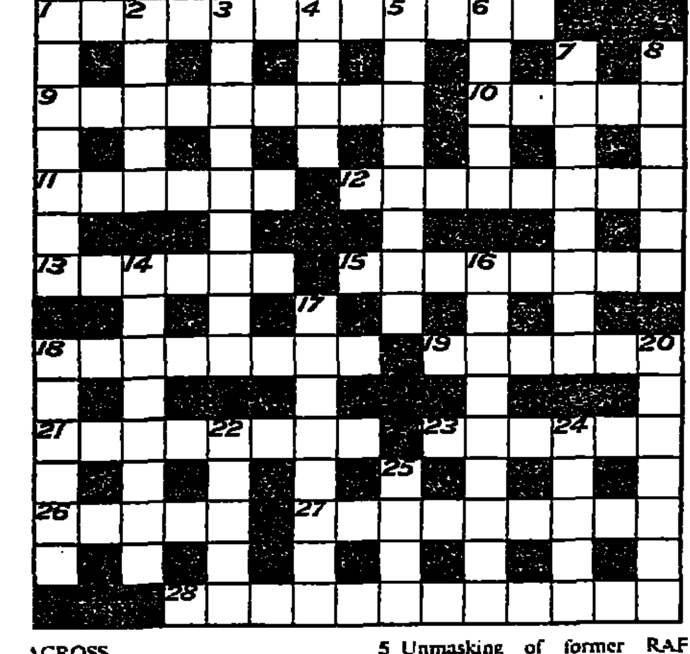
What price an Ivory Tower?, Academic-Industry Relationships, by Prof Ashworth, Leicester Univ, 5.

Life in the Sea: Marine Mammals, by I T Bunyan, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St, **Edinburgh**, 11.

Discovering French Chateaux, by Derrick Wilson, Cental Library, Waterdale, **Doncaster**, 6.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,424

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 40 per cent of the competitors at this year's Glasgow regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 Herts hospital doctor working in a store (12).
9 Fail to react to alarm about huntsman's return? (9).
10 Bloke accepts eastern cat (5).
11 A landlord demands gold in smaller quantity (6).
12 Line on map is nothing to the Marines (8).
13 Horses all out for a drink (6).
15 A sliding scale for its 20 players? (8).
18 Odder type of floating tea-leaf (8).
19 Surely not the weight of Doctor Bill King? (6).
21 Surreptitious in movement, they last out (8).
23 Beat followed by graduates on August 1 (6).
26 Peculiar expression of girl backing into Douglas, perhaps (5).
27 Objective about an Arab's muscular convulsion (9).
28 Administrative master of Gogol's inspector and the rest (12).

DOWN

1 Court girl got up in such a garment (7).
2 Pipes found in aural studies (5).
3 Scholar educated in Henry Ford's hunk? (9).
4 Custom right for a drug addict (4).
5 Unmasking of former RAF officer? Certainly (8).
6 Slang for an old ship, say (5).
7 Not like a priestess of Venus to be cowardly? (8).
8 Difficult situation for youth leader, in 'Times' perhaps (6).
14 Tree from a forest – one in Georgia (8).
16 Jolly eating – sort of fish spread (9).
17 Notice husky sound of hippocampus (3-5).
18 Bird is caught in a wine vessel (6).
20 Extraordinary claims about university chairs, for example (7).
22 Circle supports member in prison (5).
24 Word and (for Couperin) choral composition (5).
25 Thanks to the Navy it's high water (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,423

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Cable and Broadcasting Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Rates Bill, committee, third day.

Anniversaries

Births: **Thomas Hancock**, pioneer of the rubber industry, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1786; **Jean Henri Dunant**, founder of the Red Cross, Geneva, 1828; **Harry S. Truman**, 33rd president of the USA 1945-53, Lamar, Missouri, 1884.

Deaths: **Antoine Lavoisier**, chemist, Paris, 1794; **John Stuart Mill**, political economist, Avignon, France, 1873; **Gustave Flaubert**, Croisset, France 1880; **Paul Gaugin**, Atuana, Marquesas Islands, 1903; **Oswald Spengler**, philsopher, Munich, 1936; **Gordon Selfridge**, founder of the London store, London, 1947.

VE day, 1945.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 22:

BBC1

1 Chariots of Fire, 14.30m
2 Missing from Home, 12.40m
3 Dallas, 12.45m
4 A Question of Sport, 10.95m
5 Nine O'clock News (tue), 10.70m
6 Mastermind, 10.45m
7 Cagney and Lacey, 10.15m
8 Nine O'clock News, 9.40m
8= Wogan Compilation, 9.40m
8= Driving Ambition, 9.40m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon Granada, 14.75
2 This is Your Life Thames, 14.45
3 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 14.30m
4 What's My Line Thames, 12.50m
5 Crossroads (Tue) Central, 11.00m
6 Emmerdale farm (Tue) Yorkshire, 10.90m
6= Give Us a Clue Thames, 10.90m
8 Crossroads (Thu) Central, 10.75m
8= Istanbul express ITV, 10.75m
10 Crossroads (Wed) Central, 10.70m

BBC 2

1 Tim, 6.40m
2 Sporting Chance, 6.25m
3 Call My Bluff, 5.40m
4 Fainthearted Feminist, 3.25m
5 The 7-Per-Cent Solution, 3.20m
6 A Man Alone, 3.05m
7 Horizon (Mon) 2.80m
8 On Stage, 2.70m
9 Summer of My German Soldier, 2.65m
9= Tuckers Luck, 2.65m
9= Mike Harding in Belfast, 2.65m
9= Ray Readon, 2.65m

Channel 4

1 It's Really Just a Job, 3.70m
2 Brittania Hospital, 2.65
3 The Avengers, 2.55m
4 Brookside (Tue), 2.35m
5 Playing for Time, 2.35m
6 Brookside (Wed), 2.10m
7 Cheers, 2.00m
8 Love, Sidney, 1.70m
9 Survive, 1.60m
10 Caught in a Free State, 1.55

S4C

In Welsh:
1 Dechrau Canu/Canmol Religion BBC, 79,000
2 Pobol Y CWM Serial BBC 77,000
3 Cor Meibion De Cymru Doc. HTV, 69,000
3= Rhagin Hywl Gwynfryn Lent BBC, 69,000
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In English:
1 An Audience with Joan Rivers, 132,000
2 Chopper Squad 123,000
3 Brittania Hospital, 115,000
4 The Avengers, 104,000
5 Ear Say, 70,000

Breakfast television The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least eight minutes)

BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 13m (5.7m)
TV-am: *Good Friday Britain*: Mon to Fri 1.8m (7.3m), Sat 1.8m (4.2m), Sun, 0.9m (8.9m).

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.59	1.51
Austria Sch	28.15	26.55
Belgium Fr	82.00	78.00
Canada $	1.87	1.80
Denmark Kr	14.50	13.80
Finland Mkk	8.41	8.01
France Fr	12.81	11.58
Germany DM	3.94	3.76
Greece Dr	156.00	146.00
Hongkong $	11.40	10.80
Italy Lira	2435.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	333.00	317.00
Netherlands Gld	4.47	4.25
Norway Kr	11.35	10.75
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	2.13	1.97
Spain Pta	218.00	207.00
Sweden Kr	11.75	11.15
Switzerland Fr	3.29	3.12
USA $	1.45	1.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	205.00	185.00
Ireland	1.29	1.23

Retail Price Index: 345.1.

London: The *FT* index closed down 7.4 on Friday at 915.4.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 16.22 on Friday at 1165.31.

Roads

London and South-east: Thames barrier opening: Congestion expected between noon and 7 pm north of Thames between Blackwall Tunnel and Woolwich. A6: South Mimms by-pass, northbound reduced to one lane.

Midlands: A47: Temporary traffic signals between Guyhirn and Thorney Toll, Wisbech – Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. **A34:** Temporary signals south of Newbold on Stour, Warwickshire. **A34:** Contraflow between Stone – Newcastle at Strongfold.

North: M.62: Resurfacing between junctions 11 (Warrington E) and junction 12 (Manchester). **A.61:** Road improvements in Snow Hill area, Wakefield. **A.1:** Closure of Northbound access slip road at Havannah and Northbound exit slip at Follingsby.

Wales and West: A.361: Temporary lights at Newport between Banstaple and South Moulton. **A.390:** Delays on Liskeard to Truro Rd W of W Taphouse, and E of Grampound, and at Probus. **A.4:** Delays at Hotwell Rd, and from Anchor Rd, St Georges Rd no right turn into Jacobs Wells Rd, Bristol.

Scotland: M.8: Lighting maintenance work on both carriageways E of junction 26. Outside lane closed on both carriageways. Glasgow. **M.73:** Lane closures on both carriageways between junctions 1 and 2, Airdrie.

A.74: Delays between Strathclyde Regional Boundary and Scotland/England Border, Dumfrieshire.

Information supplied by the AA.

Thames Barrier day

The Queen opens the Thames Barrier at Woolwich at 2.40. She will travel to the barrier by boat from the Festival Pier, South Bank. The Guildhall School of Music will play music on the pier between 2.15 and 3.00pm. Throughout the day there will be jazz and outdoor events at the South Bank with a fireworks display in the evening.

The papers

The **Washington Post** said yesterday that the New Ireland Forum report deserved a constructive response from the Ulster Unionists and from the British Government. It added: "Counter offers, constructive alternatives and, above all, continuing discussions by all parties are needed."

The **Harare Herald**, commenting yesterday on the proposed meeting in London between the South African Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said "It is surprising that Britain, a member of the multiracial Commonwealth, should invite Mr Botha for a visit." It added, "Britain is giving aid and comfort to one of the vilest regimes history has ever seen".

However, **The Sun** says: "Why on earth is there so much fuss because South Africa's premier is paying a one-day visit to Britain?" It adds: "Of course, we dislike South Africa's racial policies. When Mr Botha comes here Mrs Thatcher will have the opportunity to tell him so and to ask him what progress he is making in changing them."

Weather forecast

An anticyclone to the NW of Scotland will drift SE towards the UK.

6am to midnight

London, Central S, SW England, E Midlands: Sunny periods, wind NE moderate, max temp 15C (59F).

SE, E England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, isolated showers, wind N or NE, moderate locally fresh, max temp 12C (54F).

S, N Wales, NW, Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods, wind NE light, max temp 15C (59F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Sunny periods, becoming cloudier later, wind NE light, max temp 13C (55F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, a little rain or drizzle, wind W moderate, max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Generally similar, but cloudy at times in the East.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind strong decreasing moderate or fresh, mainly fair, visibility good, sea rough becoming moderate. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** E moderate becoming variable light, fair, visibility good, sea slight becoming smooth.

Sun rises: 5.20 am · Sun sets: 8.35 pm
Moon sets: 3.00 am · Moon rises: 11.30 am
First Quarter: 12.50 pm.

Lighting-up time

London 9.05 pm to 4.48 am
Bristol 9.15 pm to 4.58 am
Edinburgh 9.36 pm to 4.42 am
Manchester 9.22 pm to 4.49 am
Penzance 9.22 pm to 5.15 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

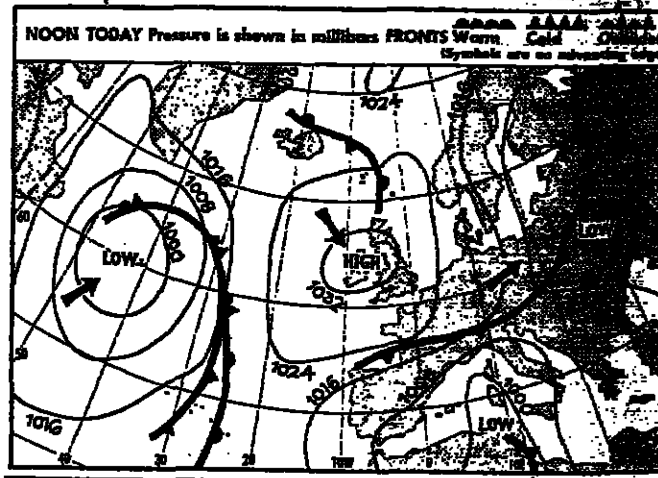
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	9	48	Guernsey	f	8	46
Birmingham	c	8	46	Inverness	c	7	45
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	c	9	48	London	f	10	50
Cardiff	s	10	50	Manchester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	c	8	46
Glasgow	s	10	50	Ronaldsway	s	9	48

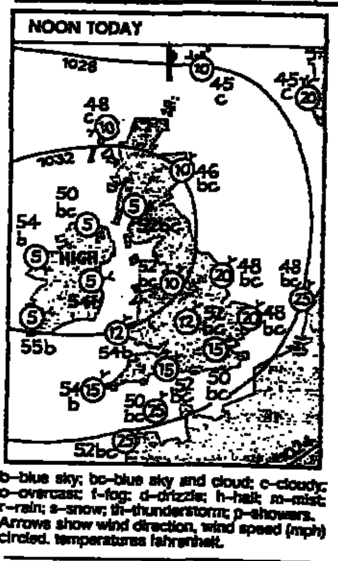
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Milford Haven, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick Cape Wrath, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Coningsby, .02in; highest sunshine: Tiree, 13.8hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,025.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.29	6.3	7.49	5.9
Aberdeen	7.12	3.5	8.17	3.4
Avonmouth	12.25	10.6	1.08	10.2
Belfast	4.50	3.2	5.35	2.8
Cardiff	12.10	9.8	12.40	9.5
Devonport	11.26	4.4	11.54	4.6
Dover	4.34	5.5	5.16	5.4
Falmouth	10.56	4.2	11.24	4.4
Glasgow	6.05	4.2	6.53	3.8
Harwich	5.31	3.6	6.00	3.4
Holyhead	3.58	4.7	4.55	4.6
Hull	11.59	6.8	-	-
Ilfracombe	11.58	7.1	-	-
Leith	8.38	4.6	[illegible]	4.8
Liverpool	4.49	7.9	5.37	7.6
Lowestoft	3.23	2.1	3.18	2.1
Margate	5.38	4.2	6.05	4.1
Milford Haven	-	-	12.18	6.4
Newquay	11.18	5.5	11.20	5.6
Oban	-	-	12.10	2.8
Penzance	10.40	4.4	11.10	4.6
Portland	-	-	12.40	1.3
Portsmouth	5.02	3.8	5.09	3.9
Shoreham	4.43	5.0	5.32	5.2
Southampton	4.37	3.8	5.35	3.8
Swansea	-	-	12.20	7.4
Tees	9.43	4.4	10.28	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	5.21	3.7	5.44	3.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.3	.02	10	50	cloudy	Guernsey	5.6	–	13	55	sunny pm
Bridlington						Scilly Isles					
Cromer	5.3	–	10	50	sunny	Newquay	8.4	–	14	57	sunny
Lowestoft	5.6	.01	10	50	sunny	Ilfracombe	8.3	–	12	54	sunny
Clacton	4.2	–	11	52	sunny	Tenby	10.5	–	14	57	sunny
Margate	6.6	–	9	48	bright	Southport	7.1	–	14	57	sunny pm
Folkestone	9.7	–	11	52	sunny	Morecambe	8.1	–	14	57	sunny
Hastings	9.7	–	12	54	sunny pm	Douglas	11.0	–	11	52	sunny
Eastbourne	8.0	–	13	55	sunny	London (Ctr)	7.7	–	12	54	sunny
Brighton	*	–	13	55	sunny pm	B'ham (Airpt)	1.9	–	11	52	cloudy
Worthing	8.4	–	14	57	sunny pm	Bristol (Ctr)	8.8	–	13	55	sunny
Littlehmptn	9.2	–	14	57	sunny	Cardiff (Ctr)	10.6	–	13	55	sunny
Bognor R	9.2	–	14	57	sunny	Anglesey	12.5	–	11	52	sunny
Southsea	11.2	–	14	57	sunny pm	B'pool (Airpt)	8.8	–	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	8.5	–	13	55	sunny	Manchester	1.7	–	11	52	bright
Bournemth	10.2	–	14	57	sunny	Nottingham	3.3	–	10	50	cloudy
Poole	10.2	–	14	57	sunny	N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.6	–	8	46	cloudy
Swanage	10.0	–	12	54	sunny	Carlisle	8.0	–	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	9.0	–	14	57	sunny	Eskdalemuir	10.8	–	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	6.4	–	13	55	sunny	Prestwick	11.0	–	12	54	sunny
Torquay	6.1	–	14	57	sunny pm	Glasgow	12.4	–	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	5.5	–	12	54	sunny	Tiree	13.8	–	10	50	sunny
Penzance	7.6	–	12	54	sunny	Stornoway	7.0	–	8	46	sunny
Jersey	5.6	–	12	54	sunny pm	Lerwick	0.4	0.2	5	41	showers

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	22	70	Copenhgn	f	11	52	Majorca*	c	19	66	[illegible]			82
Akrotiri	s	22	72	Corfu	s	22	72	Malaga*	f	23	73	[illegible]		22	72
Alexandria*	s	30	86	Dallas				Malta	s	23	73	[illegible]			55
Algiers	s	23	73	Dublin	s	9	48	Melbourne*	s	14	57	[illegible]			
Amsterdam	c	11	52	Dubrovnik	f	18	64	Mexico C*	f	24	75	[illegible]			
Athens	s	22	72	Faro	f	20	68	Miami				[illegible]			63
Bahrain*	s	31	88	Florence	s	22	72	Milan	s	20	68	[illegible]			
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	c	7	45	Montreal				[illegible]			
Barcelona*	f	21	70	Funchal	f	20	68	Moscow	s	23	73	[illegible]		8	46
Beirut				Geneva	c	16	61	Munich	r	13	55	[illegible]		7	45
Belgrade*	f	22	72	Gibraltar	f	22	72	Nairobi				[illegible]			
Berlin	f	9	48	Helsinki	s	14	57	Naples	s	20	68	[illegible]		19	66
Bermuda*	s	25	77	Hongkong*	c	23	73	New Delhi*	s	39	102	[illegible]	c	22	72
Biarritz	f	15	59	Innsbruck	r	13	55	New York				[illegible]	f	22	72
Boulogne	c	8	46	Istanbul	r	15	59	Nice	s	17	63	[illegible]			
Bordeaux	c	16	61	Jeddah*	s	33	91	Oslo	c	10	50	[illegible]			
Brussels	c	10	50	Jo'burg	s	20	68	Ottawa				[illegible]		29	84
Budapest	f	24	75	Karachi				Paris	r	6	43	[illegible]	f	20	68
Buen Aires*	f	15	59	Las Palmas	s	22	72	Peking	s	29	84	[illegible]			
Cairo*	s	30	85	Lisbon				Perth				[illegible]	c	15	59
Cape Tn*	f	15	59	Locarno	c	17	63	Prague	f	20	68	[illegible]	f	21	70
C'blanca*	f	19	66	L Angeles				Reykjavik	r	8	46	[illegible]	c	15	59
Chicago				Luxembg	c	4	39	Rhodes	s	20	68	[illegible]			
Cologne	s	11	52	Madrid*	c	14	57	Riyadh*	s	37	99	[illegible]		15	59

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available